

Teacher's Note

- Where does Willie Worm live? (in Tom's garden)
- What does Tom put in the corner of his garden? (food scraps)
- Who likes to eat the scraps? (Willie Worm and his friends)
- What kind of droppings does Willie do? (pooh droppings)
- Are the droppings good for the soil? (yes)
- Does Tom kill the worms? (no)

Encourage students not to kill worms. Explain worms are beneficial for the garden and they do no harm. Explain it is cruel to kill worms just for fun.

Suggested Activities:

- ❖ Make a small mulch pile somewhere in the school's garden. Investigate how worms appear after several days to eat the scraps and mulch placed there.
- ❖ Go to the school's existing mulch pile and lift some mulch at the bottom with a shovel to show students the worms.
- ❖ Make a worm farm or visit a worm farm as a school trip. Zoos often have great worm farms as part of educational learning.
- ❖ Locate books from your library which deals with worms. Show students photographs or pictures of many different worm species.
- ❖ Find out about the biggest worm in the world.
- ❖ Visit: <http://www.yucky.com>

Learning Area: Eng, **Strands:** SL,V, R,W, **Substrands:** SL1,2,3,4. V1,2,3,4. R1,2,3,4. W1,2,3,4.
Overarching: 1,6,10,12,13. **Linking Subject:** Sci.