

18. The Night crawler

☆FOR TEACHERS: (When you see the red words, please let him read the sentence which is the definitions of each word and that's below this article. After he read it, please explain it to him by your way or ideas.)

♡ The nightcrawler is a cousin to the **earthworm**. While earthworms live near the top of the **soil**, nightcrawlers dig deep. They also dig **vertical** tunnels that can go six feet into the ground (earthworms dig **horizontal**). Nightcrawlers have a longer **lifespan** too, living between 5-10 years.

When nightcrawlers are hungry, they don't need to leave their hole **entirely** to find leaves or dead grass. At night, they keep their tails in their tunnel and reach out and bob back and forth, back and forth, looking for something to grab.

★FOR TEACHERS : Teacher will ask this question first "Are there any words you don't understand?" after explain those words, teacher will make some questions below each paragraph. And let him say the sentences according to your question. (If the student can't make himself, you'll make the sentences) And let him say it 3 times to memorize it:

♡ Heaven help anything that tries to get a nightcrawler because they'll hold on to the walls of their tunnel for dear life. When they see something delicious, like a leaf, they pull it back down with them -- small end first so that it fits easily. And then they **feast**. At night, you can hear them **rustling** dead leaves as they search for dinner.

Did You Know: Nightcrawlers are most famous for their use as fish **bait**.

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earthworm : type of worm that lives in soil. ミミズ

soil : the substance in which plants grow. つち どじょう, 土, 土壌,

vertical : standing, pointing, or moving straight up. すいちよく 垂直の

horizontal : straight and parallel to the ground ちへいせんじょう, すいへいせんじょう 地平線上の, 水平線上の。

lifespan : length of time animal lives. じゅみょう 寿命.

entirely : completely, or in every way かんぜん 完全に

feast : large amount of a food you enjoy. ごちそう, えんかい 宴会,

rustling : the sound that papers or leaves make. さざさざらめがこと [音]

bait : food for attracting fish, birds, or animals. えさ