



Worm charming

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Willaston World Worm Charming Championship

The world worm charming championship has been held on a primary school playing field in Willaston, Cheshire. One competitor told our reporter, "It's easy. You just vibrate the ground in some way and up pop the worms! I didn't know worms were so fascinating." According to the worm charming website, the world record for the number of charmed worms is a staggering 511!

★ Your challenge

Investigate how to charm worms out of the ground. Which way is the best?

Remember that you will need to keep your worms safe in damp soil.

Talk about

- ★ How will you vibrate the ground?
- ★ Do you need any rules to make your tests fair?
- ★ How will you keep yourselves and the worms safe?

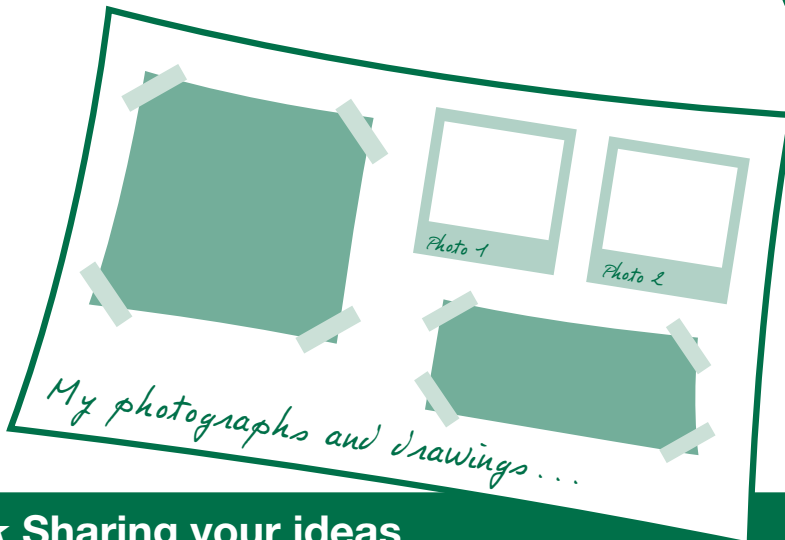
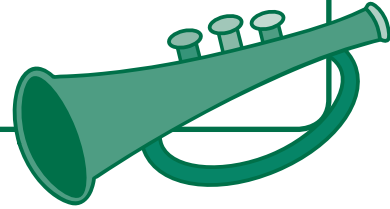


★ Here are some ideas to get you started

Make sure that the ground is very wet before you start.

Some ways you could vibrate the ground:

- ★ Push something in the ground and wiggle it.
- ★ Dance or jump or move in some other way.
- ★ Play a musical instrument.



★ Now have a go at worm charming

But remember when you find worms, handle them gently and put them and the soil back safely where they came from.

★ Sharing your ideas

- ★ Did you charm any worms?
- ★ Do you have photographs to share?
- ★ What did you use?

You could write your own newspaper heading about worm charming or make a display of photographs/drawings.

Congratulations!

**You are now a champion worm charmer.
Collect your stickers and get ready
for your next challenge.**



★ Here are some extra challenges

- ★ Explore more about why vibration makes worms come out of the ground.
- ★ Look closely at worms to find out how they move.
- ★ Find out more about the life of a worm.
- ★ Find out why worms are important.

