

Composting with the FBI!



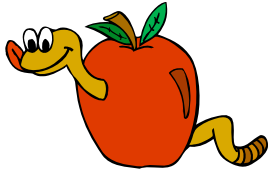
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Answers:

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The top six inches of the earth's soil used to grow food.

2. What do decomposers do to organic matter? Name one example of a decomposer.

They decompose, or break down material like decaying plants and animals and turn it into compost. Examples of decomposers are fungus like mold or mushrooms, bacteria and invertebrates like slugs, snails, worms, beetles and sow bugs.

3. Why is compost good for topsoil?

Compost contains many nutrients, or vitamins that help plants grow.

4. What are three ways you can compost?

Build an outdoor compost pile at home or a worm bin in class; or use the green cart.

5. Why do you like to compost?

Because composting makes the soil healthy and helps plants grow; I like feeding fungus, bacteria, and invertebrates, building compost piles and worm bins, and using the green cart.