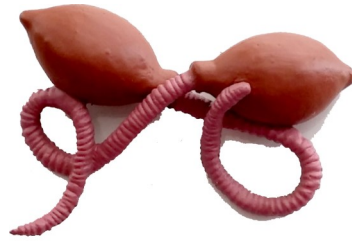




egg cocoons



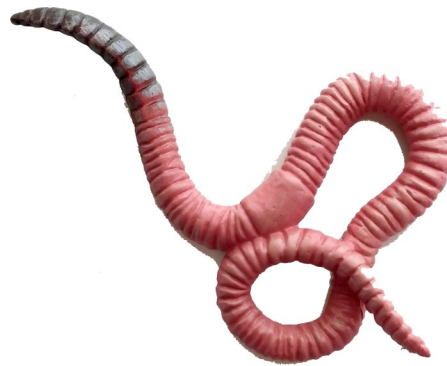
eggs hatching

Worms keep producing cocoons and eggs until they run out of sperm. They will then drop the cocoons off in the soil. These cocoons hold fertilized 10 eggs and about 3 babies survive.

Baby worms hatch, they are only about a half an inch long.



juvenile worm



adult worm

Worms do not nurture their young and as soon as the baby worms are born, they will start eating. Worms mature in 10 - 55 weeks depending on the species.

A single worm has both male and female reproductive parts. Well, when a worm is about four to six weeks old, it will start to form a whitish band around its head, which is called a clitellum. This is where both reproductive organs exist. They do still need another worm to mate with and they will end up joining together when they are ready to mate.