

# WORM LIMERICKS

## WORM LIMERICK #1 (circulation / respiration)

Did you know there are worms in the lake  
Whose conditions we just couldn't take?  
    With their head in the mud  
    Always pumping red blood  
To make sure that they're always awake.

## WORM LIMERICK #2 (feeding and lab culture)

There once were some worms in a tank  
That suddenly got very rank  
    Overfed with fish food  
    They became very rude  
Refusing to swim, they just sank.

## WORM LIMERICK #3 (reproduction by fragmentation)

As one blackworm once said to another  
I am sure we're both sister and brother  
    Now, if parents we're seeking  
    Fragmentally speaking  
Our head end's our father AND mother

## WORM LIMERICK #4 (regeneration of new body segments)

A worm minus its head or its rear  
Would be a certain goner, I fear.  
    Unless just for fun  
    Regeneration  
Replaced segments lost year after year.

## WORM LIMERICK #5 (helical swimming)

If I were a worm like *Lumbriculus*  
With no feet or no legs, I'd kick you less.  
    But I'd crawl and I'd swim  
    With a helical spin,  
And that would be really ridiculous.