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Be a friend to the environment





There are no limits to how far you can go or how much you can grow.
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MEET MAC!

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Hello!

I am Mac. My real
name is Macula. Say
"Mac-ū-la". My friends

call me Mac. I like the name, Mac.



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I am more than just an earthworm, I am a bookworm. I am a farmer. I am an environmentalist. Environmentalist is a big word. It is okay if you have to practice to learn how to say it. I want to be a teacher too. Wish me luck! I like learning new things. Do you like learning new things?



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I was born an earthworm. I like being an earthworm. Earthworms live all over the world. We live in soil. Soil looks like dirt. Soil and dirt are different.

Soil has minerals, air, water and other things.



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Plants, vegetables, flowers and trees grow in soil. Some insects live with me in the soil. You will meet them. Soil is busy. I like to say "soil is alive!" Say, "Soil is alive!" Soil is important for living things. Dirt is just dirt.



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Soil will become dirt if we do not take care of it.

Promise me you will take care of the soil. Ask

your family and friends to take care of the soil.

It is where I live with my family and friends.



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Please take care of the soil. Plants, vegetables,
and trees get sick when the soil is sick. Do you
want plants to get sick?



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I am a bookworm too. Bookworms read a lot.
Bookworms like learning. Learning is fun.
Learning makes me a better farmer.

My job is a farmer. I like being a farmer. Do
you know any farmers? Farmers are great.
They grow our food.



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I keep the soil healthy. Healthy soil helps to keep plants healthy. How do I do it? I bring air, water and other things to the soil.



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I like farming outside in a garden. I get to help a lot of plants when I am in a garden. That makes me happy. I like helping others. How do you help others? You will not need my help when your plant is inside.



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When your plant is ready for
the garden I will be there
ready to help it grow!



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I am an environmentalist. There is that big word again. You can say it. An environmentalist helps to keep everything in the environment healthy.

What is the environment? The environment is everything around you like grass, air, and water.

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Animals, fish, birds, plants, trees and insects are part of the environment. I am part of the environment. People are part of the environment. You are part of the environment!



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The environment is everything around you.
Look up at the sky. Look down at the grass.
Look at the trees. They are part of the
environment. Everything in the environment is
important. The environment is where we live
and eat.



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Everything in the environment works together.

We have to work together. Soil, earthworms,
and plants are important to each another.

Everything needs something else to live. This
is a community. We call this community an
ecosystem. Say, “ē - cō – sys-tem”.



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An ecosystem is a community of living things that need each other. We are part of an ecosystem. We need each other to live. We need other things and other things need us.



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What would happen if earthworms disappeared? The soil would get sick. When the soil is sick the plants, vegetables, fruit, and trees cannot grow. This means you will not get the food you need to grow healthy and strong.



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I am needed to keep the soil healthy. Healthy soil is needed to keep the plants and vegetables healthy. Healthy plants and vegetables are needed to keep you healthy. You are needed to help keep the environment healthy. We are all needed to have a great community.



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I have a friend. Her name is Bea. Can you say, "Bea"? It sounds like "bee". Bea is an environmentalist too. Bea is helping me keep the environment healthy. We need help. Help us and we will help you learn how to grow plants and vegetables. Let's help each other!



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We will have fun learning and working together.

Are you ready?

Let me hear you say, "I AM YEARNING FOR
LEARNING!"



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Meet Bea. She is a bee! Did you think Bea was a bee? You will see Bea in your next book. Bea will show you how to help keep the environment healthy. Remember to take care of the air, water, and soil.

Hello, I am Bea.



I am happy to meet you.

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What did you learn today?

1. What is my name?
2. Where do I live?
3. Why are farmers great?
4. Why is soil different than dirt?
5. What lives in the environment?
6. What is the ecosystem?



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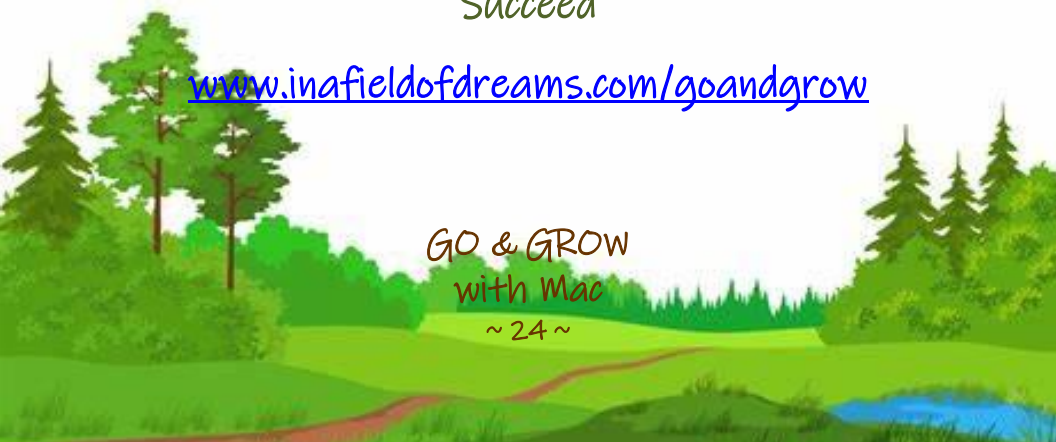
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