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FOCUS ON Soil-Eating Animals

1. Write a sentence summarizing the main reasons animals eat soil.

2. Would you eat cleaned soil to treat an upset stomach? Why or why not?

- **3.** Which animal eats soil for the salt in it?
 - A. elephants
 - B. dairy cows
 - C. earthworms
- 4. What would happen if there were no earthworms in the soil?
 - **A.** Plants would not grow as well.
 - **B.** The soil would turn to rock.
 - **C.** Plants would grow better.

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5. What does grinds mean in this book?

The grit breaks the food into smaller pieces. In this way, the grit acts like teeth. It *grinds* the food.

- **A.** makes something into powder or little bits
- B. makes something taste better
- **C.** makes something have more minerals
- 6. What does germs mean in this book?

They might eat food with **germs** in it. That can make their stomachs hurt. To feel better, the people eat clay.

- A. small bits of food
- **B.** things that can cause sickness
- C. minerals that people need

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Answer Key:

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3**. A
- **4**. A
- **5.** A
- **6.** B