


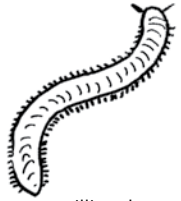













# DECOMPOSER BINGO

Decomposers have one of the most important roles in Oregon's forests. They break down dead leaves and other dead plant or animal material, and make the nutrients available to other organisms.

**Directions:** Mark off all the different types of decomposers (or sign of decomposers) you see in or on the forest floor or other outdoor site. Can you find four in a row? All 16?

 <p>decaying leaf</p>	 <p>ant</p>	 <p>mushrooms growing out of a stump</p>	 <p>millipede</p>
 <p>snail</p>	 <p>mold</p>	 <p>sow bug or pill bug</p>	 <p>Insect eggs or holes in a dead tree</p>
<p>Another sign of decomposer:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	 <p>worm</p>	 <p>rotting log</p>	 <p>moss*</p>
 <p>mushrooms growing out of the ground</p>	 <p>fly</p>	 <p>beetle</p>	 <p>slug</p>

\*Moss is both a decomposer and a producer.