

# Respiratory System

Answer Key

### For numbers 1-3:

#### The answers are:

- 1. **Nasal cavity** Air enters our respiratory system through our **nostrils** where it is filtered by hairs, warmed, humidified, and sampled for odors as it flows through our nasal cavity.
- 2. Alveolus/alveoli The bronchioles end in grape-like clusters of air sacs called alveoli with each of our lungs containing millions of these tiny air sacs.
- **3. Diaphragm** The thoracic cavity is separated from the abdominal cavity by a sheet of muscle called the diaphragm which functions in breathing.

### For numbers 4-5:

### 4. Answer: A

**Explanation:** The skin-breathers, such as earthworms, must live in damp places to facilitate gas exchange. These animals are generally small and many are long, thin, or flattened. These shapes provide a high ratio of respiratory surface to body volume, allowing sufficient gas exchange for the cells of their body.

## 5. Answer: C

**Explanation:** When swallowing food, the **larynx** (upper part of the respiratory tract) moves upward and tips the epiglottis over the opening of our **trachea** or windpipe.

