

# hookworm *(hook-worm)*

## Definition

n. A parasitic nematode worm that inhabits the intestines of humans and other animals, where it feeds on the host's blood.

## Example Sentence

The doctor explained that the patient was infected with **hookworm** after walking barefoot in contaminated soil.

## More Example Sentences

**Hookworm** infections can lead to anemia and protein deficiency in severe cases.

## Synonyms

parasite; nematode; helminth

## Antonyms

probiotic; symbiont; commensal

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