

Clever creatures

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1. Read the story about insects



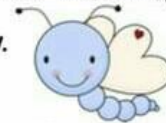
Insects

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Insects are a kind of animal. Insects are also known as bugs. Insects can be found all over the world. Crickets, ants, grasshoppers, butterflies, ladybugs, and bees are some common insects.

Insects are invertebrates, so they do not have backbones. They have exoskeletons. This means they have their bones on the outside, like a shell. That makes them similar to crustaceans. Some insects, like butterflies, can change as they grow.



Insects always have six legs. If something has eight legs, like a spider, it is not an insect. Insects usually have three body segments. The head is where the eyes, mouth, and brains are. The thorax is where the legs and wings connect. The abdomen is where the guts and organs are.

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Answer the questions about insects.

1. What are insects also known as?

2. Write down three insects from the story.

3. Insects have exoskeletons, what does that mean?

4. How many body segments do insects have?

5. Write down the body segments insects have.
