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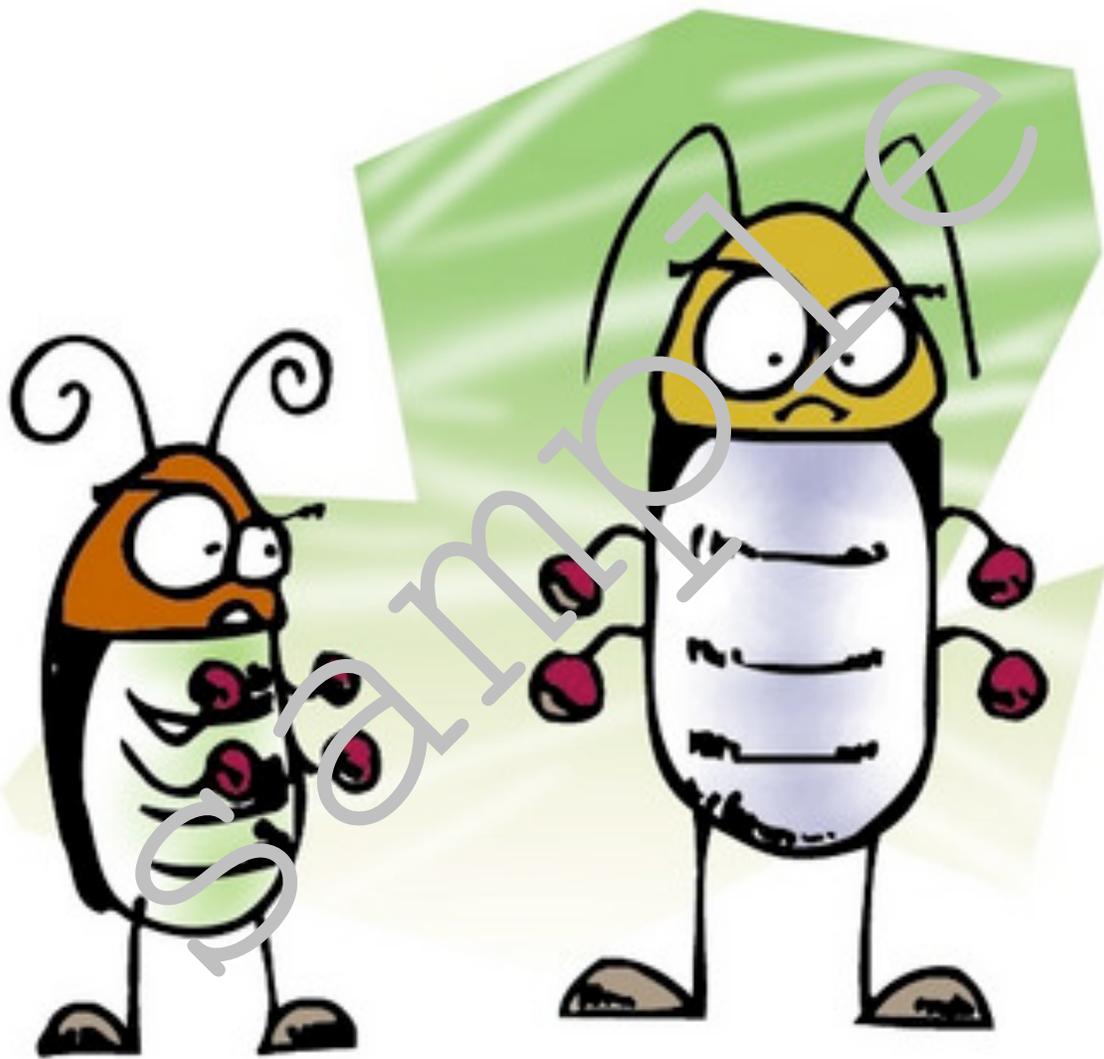
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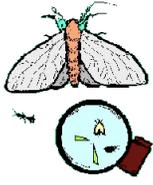
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Most insects are small. Some are so small that you need a microscope to see them.



Most insects have wings. Some have one pair of wings, some have two pair of wings. Dragonflies can fly up to eighteen miles per hour. They can also fly backwards.

Insects' eyes are usually large and bulging. They use their antennae or feelers to touch and smell things. Insects' ears are usually on their legs or on the sides of their bodies. Some insects make noises by rubbing their wings together or by rubbing their legs against their wings.



Insects lay eggs. The eggs are very tiny and hard to see. They lay their eggs in all kinds of places. Insects might lay their eggs in soil, water, leaves, and inside plant stems.

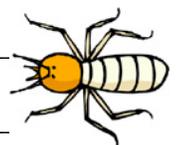
Some insects even lay their eggs in animal fur or bird feathers. Some insects take care of their eggs. Other insects don't need to care for the eggs.

Read each word below. Write the definition on the lines.

1. microscope _____

2. dragonflies _____

3. antennae _____



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Many insects change as they grow. We call this change a metamorphosis. A caterpillar is one insect that changes as it grows. First the eggs hatch into the larva or caterpillar. The caterpillar eats and grows. When it is fully grown it stops eating.

Then it forms a case around itself. This case is called a chrysalis. It changes into a butterfly while it's in the case. When it comes out of the chrysalis, it is soft and wet. As soon as it dries it is able to fly.

Ants live in colonies or families. There are many different kinds of ants. Some ants live in trees and some live in the ground. There are three kinds of ants in a colony, the queen, the workers and the males.

The queen ant lays the eggs. The worker ants all have their own special jobs. Some act as nurses and take care of the young ants. Some workers hunt food and some do the cleaning.

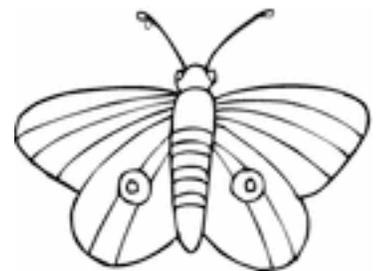
Honeybees are like ants in many ways. They live in large families. They have queens, workers, and males in their colonies. The workers gather nectar and pollen from flowers. They make honey from what they have gathered.

Men and women often build hives for bees to live in. They gather the bee honey and wax from the hives. They sell it to stores and to large companies.

The wax can be used in polish, candles, gum, crayons, and many other things. The honey is sweet tasting and is good to eat.



Color the pictures below.





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Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

abdomen
wings

antennae
eggs

thorax
sting

beetle
ants

