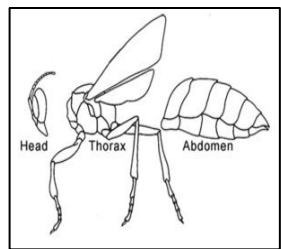


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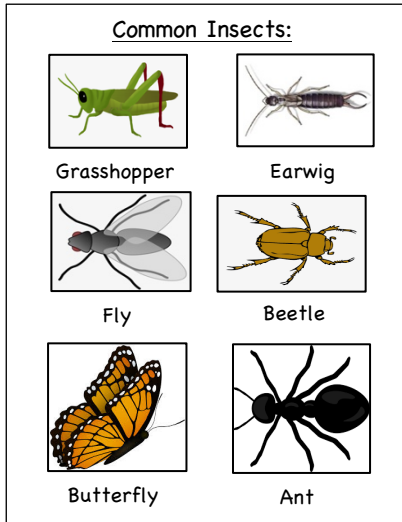
3-5 Instruction Guide

This activity focuses on looking for animals you probably see every day: Insects! You might think insects are creepy or have too many legs, but insects are actually an important part of nature! They help create soil, are food for different animals, and pollinate fruits, flowers, and vegetables!



Insects have special body parts to survive in their habitat. They have **wings** to fly, **legs** to crawl, and **antennas** to smell. Their bodies are divided into 3 parts: the **head**, the **thorax** (the central body part), and the **abdomen** (the largest body part).

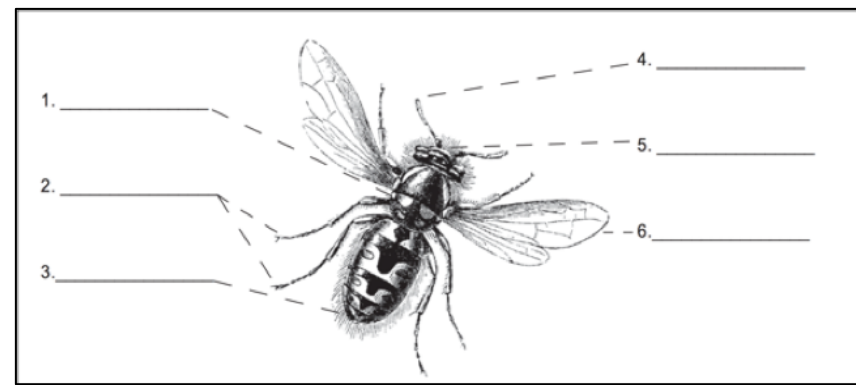
This activity will work best with a small cup to collect insects in. When collecting, make sure to be gentle. Insects might look tough, but we want to handle them with lots of respect! You can use your fingers or a small leaf or stick to gently guide insects into your cup. Once you've finished looking at your insect, please release it carefully close to where you found it.



Fold this sheet in half along the dotted line, grab a pencil, a cup if you have one, and head outside to explore!

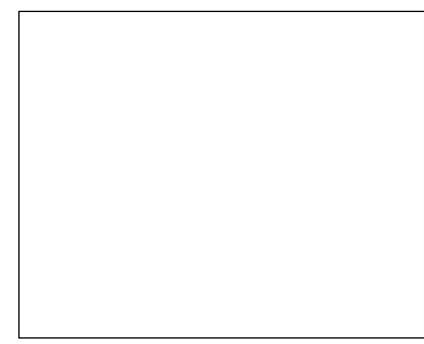
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Use the word bank below to label the different body parts of an insect. Look back at your instruction sheet if you need help.

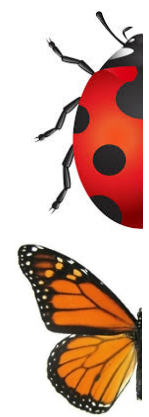


- Antennae
- Abdomen
- Head
- Wing
- Legs
- Thorax

Use your cup to gently collect an insect. Look carefully at the insect from the top of the cup and draw it in the space below:



Draw the missing half of the insects below:



Bees and wasps are important for nature, but are not going to be happy inside a cup. Instead, observe them from a safe distance!