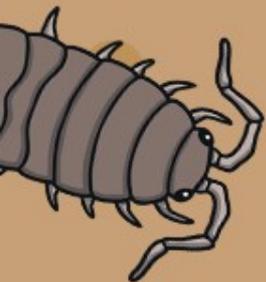


Minibeasts

What can I see?



What am I looking at?



An Ant

Did you know...

An ant has 6 legs. This means it is an insect.

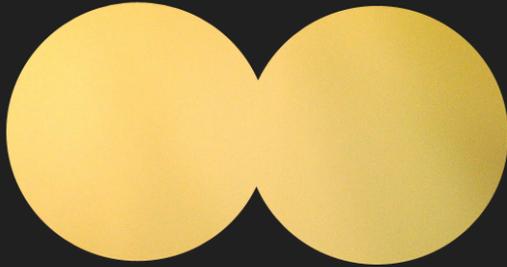
Ants live in colonies with lots of other ants. They work together to collect food.



Most ants we see are female.
Male ants only live for a few weeks.
Female ants live between 1 and 3 years.
The queen ant can live up to 30 years!

Ants have antennae to help them smell, feel and touch what is in front of them.

What am I looking at?



A bee!

Bees have six legs, which means they are insects.

Can you think of another minibeast that is an insect?

Imagine what our world would look like without bees!

The hair on bees helps them collect nectar for honey. They also collect pollen, which they drop onto other flowers, helping more flowers to grow.



What am I looking at?



A Butterfly

Did you know that butterflies have 4 wings?

They also have six legs and antennae. The antennae help the butterfly to smell and balance.

Some butterflies only live for a month. The Painted Lady butterfly in this picture can live for up to one year!

Can you guess which minibeast the butterfly was before it became a butterfly?



What am I looking at?



A caterpillar!

A caterpillar is an insect because it has 6 proper legs.

Caterpillars are vegetarians This means they only eat vegetables or fruit.

What type of insect does a caterpillar turn into?



Did you know that caterpillars have 6 pairs of eyes?

What am I looking at?



A fly!

There are 100,000 different types of flies living on the Earth.

Flies have 5 eyes. 2 large eyes and 3 eyes, in the shape of a triangle, on their forehead.

They also have 6 legs, making them insects. They also have wings to help them fly.

Flies do not have teeth and they like to eat animal poo. Flies carry disease.



What am I looking at?



A ladybird!

Lady birds have 6 legs, 2 antennae and 2 pairs of wings.

Ladybirds are insects because they have 6 legs.



Ladybirds come in lots of different colours and not all of them have spots. Some have stripes and some have no pattern at all.

Did you know that ladybirds don't eat plants? They eat little insects called Aphids, that live on plants.

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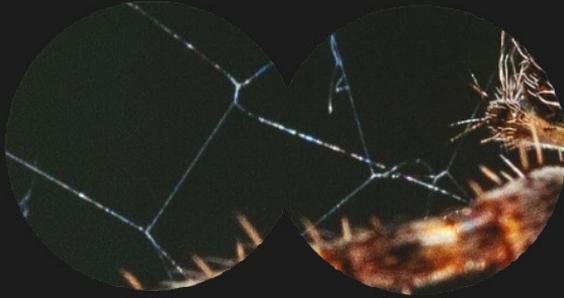
A snail!

Snails have no legs. They have antennae to help them smell, feel and touch what is in front of them.

Snails have very soft bodies. They hide in their shell when they feel under attack from predators. Some snails use their shells to attack other minibeasts.

Snails can live between 5 years and 25 years depending on their habitat.

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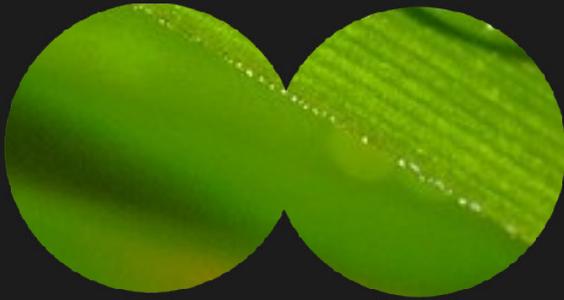
A spider!

A female spider can lay more than 200 eggs at one time!

A spider has 8 legs. It is not an insect. A spider is an arachnid.

Did you know that spiders don't live in their webs? They build sticky webs to catch insects for their dinner! Spiders are carnivores.

What am I looking at?



A wasp!

A wasp looks like a bee and many people get them confused

But wasps do not look as 'fluffy' as bees because they have less hair.

Wasps have 6 legs, 2 antennae and 2 pairs of wings. Wasps are insects.

Did you know that only female wasps sting?

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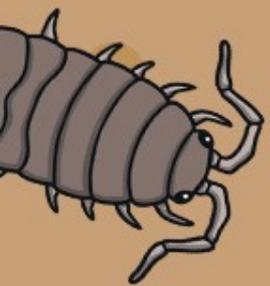


A worm!

A worm has no legs. It is therefore not an insect or an arachnid. A worm is an Annelid.

Did you know that a worm has 8 hearts? If a worm gets chopped in half it will not die but makes 2 worms, with 4 hearts each.

Most worms like to live in damp soil where there are dead plants to eat. If the soil is too dry the worms will eventually die.



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