

About Insects

Insects are everywhere and they live in all kinds of places. Ants are some insects that live under the ground. Grasshoppers live above the ground in fields. Some kinds of beetles live on or near water but other kinds of beetles live in tree bark. Bees build a hive where they live. Some insects like cockroaches are pests that live in homes and apartments.

All insects have six legs. Spiders are not insects because they have eight legs.

The body of an insect has three parts. The first part is the insect's head. Like the head of other creatures, an insect's head is the location of its eyes and mouth. An insect's mouth is specially designed for the kind of food it eats. Instead of ears insects have two antennae that stick out in front.

The middle part of an insect is called the thorax. Wings and legs are part of the thorax. The back end of an insect is called the abdomen. An insect's stomach is in the abdomen.