**What is an insect?**

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| <p>An insect has three main body parts: a head, <vocabulary>thorax,</vocabulary> and an <vocabulary>abdomen.</vocabulary>  All insects have six legs. Many insects also have wings. Insects can be as large as a football or as small as the period at the end of this sentence. The insect shown here is an ant.</p> | An insect has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ main body parts: a head, thorax, and an abdomen. All insects have \_\_\_\_\_ legs. Many insects also have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Insects can be as large as a football or as small as the period at the end of this sentence. The insect shown here is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| <p>The tough cover on an insect's body protects its soft insides.</p> | A tough cover on an insect’s body \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its soft insides. |
| <p>Most insects have two long <vocabulary>antennae.</vocabulary> They are used for feeling and smelling. An insect's head has eyes and antennae, as well as a mouth for eating.</p> | Most insects have two long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They are used for feeling and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. An insect’s head has eyes and antennae, as well as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for eating. |
| <p>The middle part of an insect's body is called the <vocabulary>thorax.</vocabulary> The legs are attached there. The <vocabulary>abdomen</vocabulary> swells up when the insect eats.</p> | The middle part of an insect’s body is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The legs are attached there. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ swells up when the insect eats. |
| <p>A tiny flea can jump 100 times its own height. That would be like you leaping over an office building!</p> | A tiny flea can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 100 times its own height that would be like you leaping over an office building! |
| <p>Spiders are not insects. A spider has eight legs instead of six, and its body is made up of two parts, not three.</p> | Spiders are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A spider has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ legs instead of six, and its body is made up of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parts, not three. |