

## **Baldy Basecamp**

# Incredible Insects!

### What are Insects?

- Insects are small animals with three main body parts: the head, thorax, and abdomen.
- They have six legs and most have wings.

### **Fun Facts About Insects:**



Bees are incredible pollinators. One bee colony can pollinate 300 million flowers each day!



Ants can lift objects 50 times their own body weight.



Butterflies taste with their feet. They land on a flower to check if it's good to eat.



**Ladybugs** are helpful insects that eat plantdamaging pests like aphids.



**Dragonflies** can fly at speeds up to 30 miles per hour!

### **Insect Habitats**

- Insects live almost everywhere: forests, deserts, oceans, and even your backyard!
- Different insects have different habitats. For example, ants live in colonies underground, while bees build hives in trees.

### **Insect Life Cycles**

- Many insects, like butterflies, go through a process called metamorphosis.
- Egg → Larva → Pupa → Adult
- Example: A butterfly starts as an egg, hatches into a caterpillar (larva), forms a chrysalis (pupa), and emerges as a beautiful butterfly (adult).

### Why are Insects important?

- Insects help pollinate plants, which produce fruits and vegetables.
- They are a food source for many animals.
- Some insects help control pest populations.

# Draw Your Own Bug

**Objective:** Kids will design and draw their own insect, learning about different body parts and features in the process.

#### **MATERIALS:**

Drawing Paper, Pencils, Colored pencils, markers, or crayons (Optional: Glitter, stickers, and other decorative items for embellishment)

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Learn About Insects:

· Begin by discussing the parts of an insect: head, thorax, abdomen, six legs, wings (optional), and antennae.

#### Design Your Bug:

- · Ask each child to imagine and draw their own unique insect on a sheet of drawing paper.
- They should start by drawing the head, thorax, and abdomen.
- Encourage them to decide how many wings (if any) their insect will have, and where the legs and antennae will be placed.
- Allow them to use colored pencils, markers, or crayons to add color and patterns to their insect.

#### Give Your Bug a Name:

- After drawing, each child should think of a creative name for their insect.
- · Ask them to consider where their insect might live and what it might eat, and include these details on their drawing.

# Find Words

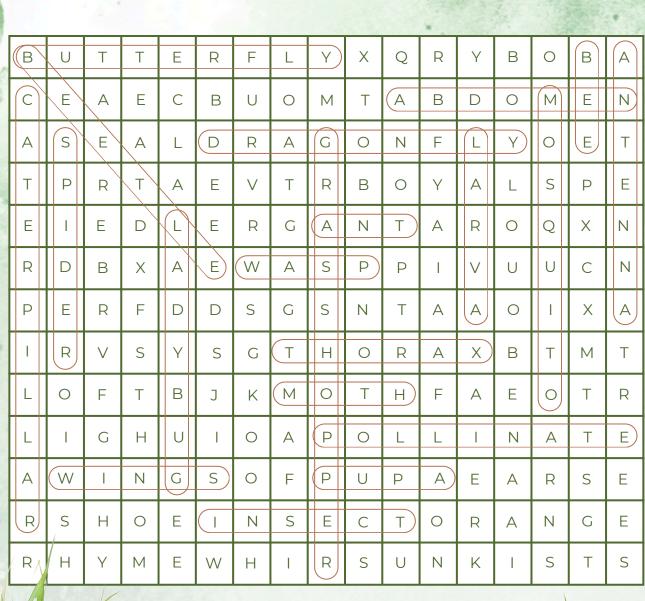
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- Butterfly
- Antenna
- Caterpillar
- Dragonfly
- Grasshopper
- Beetle
- Ladybug
- Thorax
- Abdomen
- Wings
- Ant
- Bee
- Wasp
- Moth
- Larva
- Pupa
- Insect
- Pollinate
- Spider
- Mosquito

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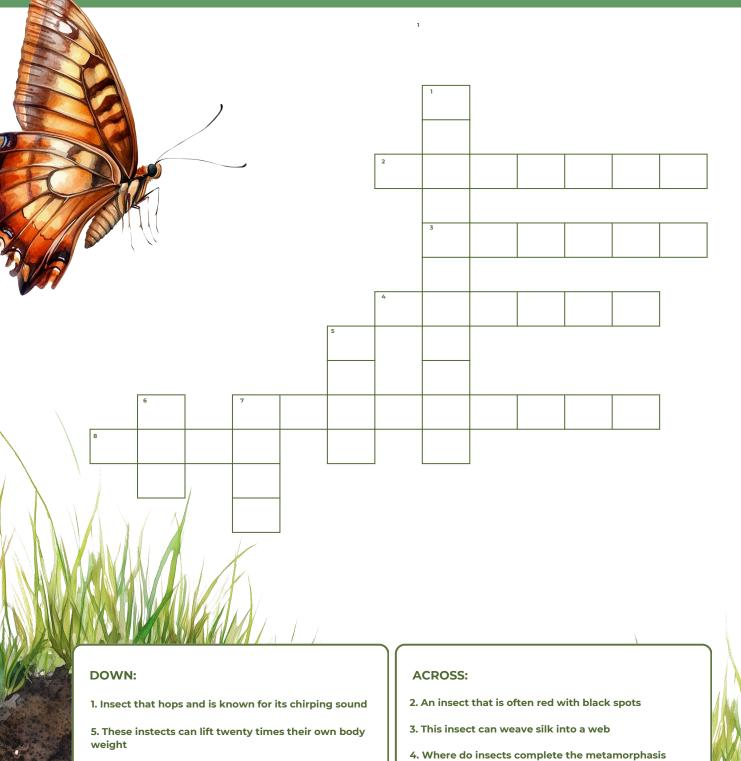
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# Cross-Word Puzzle



- 6. How many legs does an insect have
- 7. Which insect can make yummy hunny?
- 4. Where do insects complete the metamorphasis process?
- 7. Which flying insect is know for its colourful wings?
- 8. Where do bees live?

# Cross-Word Answers

DOWN:

1 Grasshopper

5 Ants

6 Six

7 Bees

**ACROSS:** 

2 Ladybug

3 Spider

4 Cocoon

7 Butterfly

8 Hive



