



TAKE A HIKE!!

A NATURE HIKE THAT IS!



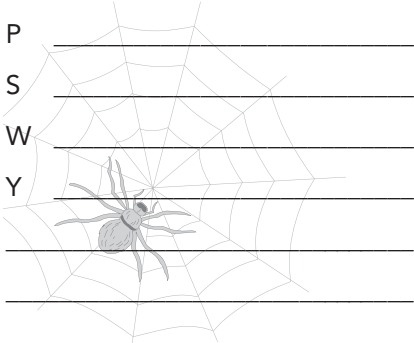
Go for a walk and become more aware of your surroundings. Your curiosity may be aroused. You may begin to wonder what kind of insects are watching you; what kind of spider had placed her web between those branches; and what kind of butterfly just flew past you. As you gaze intently into a tree, you may see the eyes of a creature curiously gazing back at you.

Spend some time in the outdoors on a nature walk. You may be surprised at the variety of living things you will encounter!

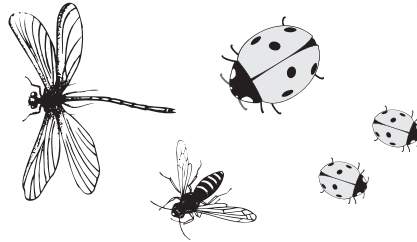
INSECT ALPHABET

Write down a name of an insect for each of the letters below. See if you can find insects that begin with other letters. There may be more than one answer to each letter.

- A _____
- B _____
- C _____
- D _____
- E _____
- F _____
- G _____
- L _____
- M _____
- P _____
- S _____
- W _____
- Y _____



Describe a grasshopper's legs. How are they different from your legs?



DID YOU KNOW??

- There are more than 1 million species of insects.
- There are more varieties of insects on earth than there are of any other kind of living creature!
- Insects help to make flowering plants live longer by pollinating them.
- Many insects can carry 50 times their own body weight. (This would be like an adult person lifting two heavy cars full of people.)



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE...

1. What are the 3 main body parts of an insect: _____, _____, _____

2. What is the fastest known insect? _____

3. What insect has been on earth the longest? _____

4. Most adult insects have two pair of _____?

5. Adult insects have how many legs? _____

6. What is on most adult insect heads? _____



BUTTERFLY FACTS!

- An average butterfly species has an adult life span of 2 weeks or less.
- Butterflies do not get bigger as they age - a young butterfly is a caterpillar!
- Butterflies weigh only as much as two rose petals, but can fly thousands of miles.
 - Butterflies can't hear, but they can feel vibrations.
 - Butterflies smell with their antennae.
 - Most butterflies make no sound.
 - Butterflies taste with their feet.

The difference between a butterfly and a moth:

- Butterflies are mostly brightly colored day-flying insects with long clubbed antennae.
- Moths fly at night and lack clubs at the end of their antennae.
- The top butterfly flight speed is 12 miles per hour.
- Some moths can fly 25 miles per hour!

answers to insect alphabet: ant, bee, butterfly, cricket, dragonfly, earwig, firefly, grasshopper, lady bug, mosquito, moth, praying mantis, spider, walking stick, wasp, yellow jacket
answers to test your knowledge: 1. head, thorax, abdomen, 2. dragonfly, 3. cockroach, 4. wings, 5. six, 6. antennae