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It's an Insect!

There are more than a million different kinds of insects. Beetles, flies, bees, ants, mosquitoes, butterflies and grasshoppers are insects.

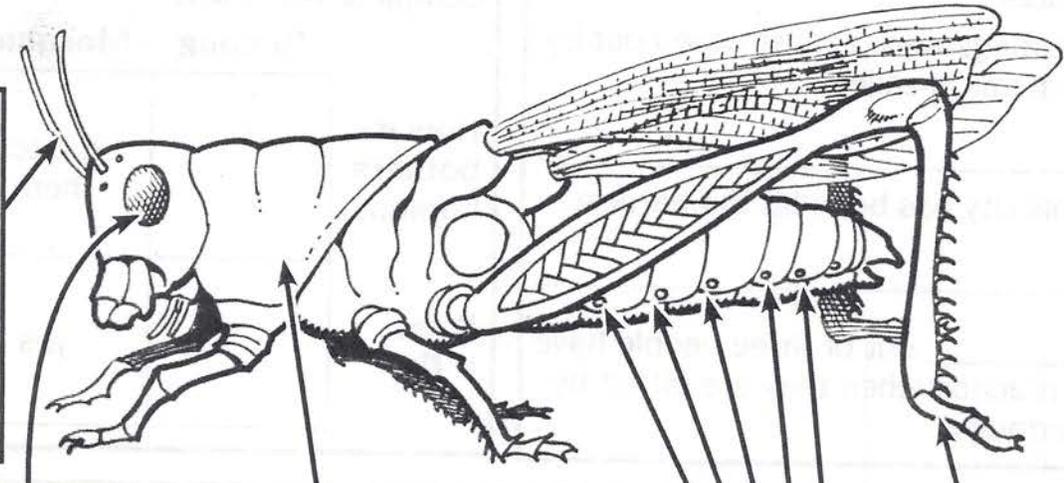
An insect's body has three sections: **head**, **thorax** and **abdomen**. Look at the grasshopper diagram to learn about features that many insects have. Then answer the questions.

Grasshopper

Head

Thorax

Abdomen



A pair of **antennas** is located between the insect's eyes. They help the insect to feel and smell what is nearby.

An insect's two large **compound eyes** are made of hundreds of lenses. They are good for detecting movement.

A hard outer covering called an **exoskeleton** supports and protects an insect's body.

An insect breathes through tiny holes called **spiracles**.

An insect has three pairs of **legs**.

1. An insect's body has three main sections. What is the middle section called?

2. True or false: Insects breathe through their mouths.

3. Many insects do not have wings. How do they move from place to place?

4. How many legs does an insect have?

5. According to the diagram, what are an insect's compound eyes good for? Why might this be important for an insect?

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Read About It

Use the TFK story "The War on Bedbugs" to answer the questions and complete the activities.



Get the Facts

Fill in the blank to complete each fact.

Bedbugs have been found in _____ states.

Bedbugs were almost wiped out by a chemical called _____.

This city has been hit the hardest: _____.

_____ out of three people have a reaction when they are bitten by bedbugs.

Compare and Contrast

Complete the chart.

	Bedbug	Mosquito	Stinkbug
How it bothers humans		It bites them.	
Does it fly?		yes	yes

Share the Knowledge

A friend tells you that bedbugs live only in mattresses. You say:

A classmate says that bedbugs spread diseases. You say:

A friend tells you that stinkbugs don't actually smell bad. You say:

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