

All About Ants

Reading Comprehension

The Ant Colony

Ants are insects. An ant's body includes the head, thorax, abdomen, antennae, and six legs. There are thousands of species of ants, and they can be found living all over the world.

Ants are social insects. That means that they live and work together in groups. Each group of ants is called a colony. Each ant that lives in the colony has a specific role to play. There are four main roles in the ant colony. The first is the queen. She will mate with male ants and then fly away to set up her colony. Once she has found a good nesting place, she will lose her wings and spend the rest of her life laying eggs.

There are other types of ants in each ant colony as well. There are male ants that have wings. They use their wings to fly and mate with the queen. Once the male ant has mated, it will die. There are also female worker ants who collect food and feed members of the colony. Worker ants also defend the colony. If you see a group of ants, most of them will be worker ants. The last group of ants is called soldier ants. They are bigger in size. Their main job is to defend the colony, as well as to raid and attack other colonies.

Story Questions:

1. Where in the passage would you read about the role of the worker ant?
 - a. the end of the first paragraph
 - b. the middle of the second paragraph
 - c. in the third paragraph
 - d. in the title

2. What is the meaning of *social* as used in this passage?
 - a. claw-like
 - b. has wings
 - c. communal
 - d. has a strong scent

3. What is the purpose of this passage?
 - a. to persuade people to avoid ants
 - b. to inform farmers of the benefits of ants
 - c. to inform the reader of the origins of ants
 - d. to inform the reader about ant colonies

4. Which statement is not a fact about ants?
- The ant is a meat-eating insect.
 - The ant lives in a colony.
 - The male ant has wings.
 - The ant is a small insect.

Story Writing

5. **Write** a story about ants coming to a picnic in your backyard from an ant's point of view.

Math Worksheet

6. Practise [long division with no remainders](#).

Word Problems

7. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
- ★ At summer camp, they served 3 pieces of pizza to each of the 144 hungry campers. Each pizza had 12 slices. How many pizzas did the campers eat?

 - ★ At a family reunion, my mom served 3 pieces of pizza to all 200 people there. Each pizza had 8 slices. How many pizzas did it take to feed everyone?

Fun Stuff!

8. Use the [grid](#) to **draw** [an ant](#).