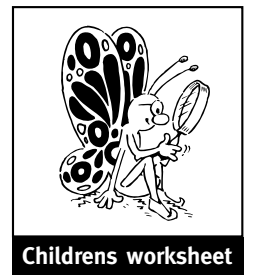


glossary

Abdomen	The rear section of an insect's body. It contains the heart, the stomach and the reproductive organs.
Antennae	An insect's two feelers, used mainly for smelling and touching. They are attached to the insect's head.
Carnivore	A meat eating animal.
Entomologist	A scientist who has a special interest in insects.
Exoskeleton	The insect's skeleton, which is on the outside of the body (unlike a human skeleton, which is underneath the skin and muscle). The exoskeleton gives the insect extra protection, just like a suit of armour.
Habitat	An insect's natural home. An insect's habitat may be under stones, on certain leaves, or inside the bark of trees.
Herbivore	A plant eating animal.
Incomplete metamorphosis	As some insects grow and develop, their bodies change gradually during several moulting sessions until the fully formed adult emerges.
Metamorphosis	As some insects grow and develop, their bodies change shape dramatically. These changes are the insect's metamorphosis.
Mandibles	The jaws of an insect, used for biting, grinding and crushing food.
Omnivore	An animal which eats both plants and other animals.
Proboscis	A hollow feeding tube which some insects use to suck up liquid foods.
Pupa	A central stage in the metamorphosis of an insect. The pupa looks like a small sack, and the adult insect develops inside it. The pupa is sometimes referred to as a chrysalis.
Radula	A rasping mouth organ used by Molluscs such as snails.
Social insects	Insects such as wasps, bees and ants that live together in colonies. They share jobs such as rearing the young and obtaining food.
Species	Every different kind of animal is a different species. Over one million species of insect have been recorded by entomologists.
Thorax	The middle section of an insect's body. The insect's legs and wings are joined to the thorax.
Tracheae	Air tubes allowing air to pass to and from an insect's body.



useful addresses



The Amateur Entomologists' Society Bug Club

P.O. Box 8774
London SW7 5ZG

The Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road, South Kensington,
London SW7 5BD

Wildlife Trusts (Junior Branch = Wildlife Watch)

The Green, Witham Park,
Waterside South,
Lincoln LN5 7JR

The WATCH Trust for Environmental Conservation

The Green, Nettleham,
Lincoln LN2 2NR

Phasmid Study Group (stick insects)

c/o Paul Brock, 40 Thorndike Road, Slough,
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The British Butterfly Conservation Society

Tudor House,
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The British Arachnological Society

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British Tarantula Society

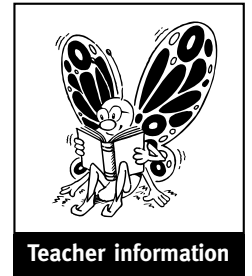
c/o Mrs Ann Webb, 81 Phillimore Place,
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Mantis Study Group (Praying Mantis)

c/o Paul Taylor, 24 Forge Road,
Shustoke, Coleshill,
Birmingham B46 2AU

Blattodea Culture Group (Cockroaches)

c/o Adrian Durkin, 8 Foley Road, Pedmore,
Stourbridge,
West Midlands DY9 0RT



Reference Books

Collins Pocket Guide to Insects of Britain and Western Europe.

M CHINERY.

Collins Field Guide to Spiders of Britain and Northern Europe.

M J ROBERTS.

The Butterflies of Britain and Ireland. (Dorling Kindersley).

J THOMAS & R LEWINGTON.

Collins Field Guide to Caterpillars and Moths in Britain and Northern Europe.

D J CARTER & B HARGREAVES.

The Encyclopedia of Land Invertebrate Behaviour (Blandford Press).

R & K PRESTON-MAFHAM.

Animal Diversity (Chapman and Hall).

D R KERSHAW.

Biological Supplies

Blades Biological provide both living and preserved or dried invertebrate specimens and accessories. For their latest catalogue contact:

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Visits

It is worthwhile contacting your local zoo or wildlife centre, many have special invertebrate houses and school visits can sometimes be arranged.

For instance: The Invertebrate House, London Zoo, Regents Park London NW1.