

# Summer Insects

## Beetles

1. How can beetles be told from other insects? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do most beetles eat? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do soldier beetles eat? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did the blister beetle get its name? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why is the milkweed beetle brightly colored? \_\_\_\_\_

## True Bugs

6. What is the difference between the body of a true bug and a beetle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What strategy does an ambush bug use to capture its prey? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What does the brown stink bug eat and describe how its mouth helps it?  
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9. Why are box elder bugs considered to be pests. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Cicada nymphs live under ground for \_\_\_\_\_ years before becoming an adult.

## Bees

11. What is a bee's job in the weeds? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Why have the number of honey bees decreased in recent years?  
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13. What is the largest bee and where do they make their hives? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What does a hornet make its nest out of/ How does it do it?  
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15. Why is it a bad idea to disturb an active hornet nest? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What type of bee causes problems during fall picnics? \_\_\_\_\_

## Dragonfly

17. How do you tell a damselfly from a dragonfly? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Why would a dragonfly be considered beneficial to humans?  
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19. What is the main sense dragonflies use to capture their prey? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What do dragonflies and dinosaurs have in common? \_\_\_\_\_

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21. Where do dragonflies lay their eggs? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Grasshopper**

21. What season are grasshoppers most common? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Why would a grasshopper be called an “herbivore”? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is one survival technique of a katydid? \_\_\_\_\_

24. How do meadow grasshoppers make their calls? \_\_\_\_\_

25. What is one survival technique of a Carolina grasshopper? \_\_\_\_\_

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26. Where do Carolina grasshoppers lay their eggs? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Spiders**

27. How do you identify an orb weaver? \_\_\_\_\_

28. What is a spider’s job in the weeds? \_\_\_\_\_

29. What strategy does a crab spider use to find food? \_\_\_\_\_

30. What do daddy long-legs eat? \_\_\_\_\_

31. What is the main sense that a wolf spider uses to locate food? \_\_\_\_\_

32. What do the young wolf spiders do after they hatch? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Flies**

33. Why are flies important in the weeds? \_\_\_\_\_

34. How do you tell a bee from a fly? \_\_\_\_\_

35. What is one survival technique of a bee fly? \_\_\_\_\_

36. Describe how a robber fly finds food: \_\_\_\_\_

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