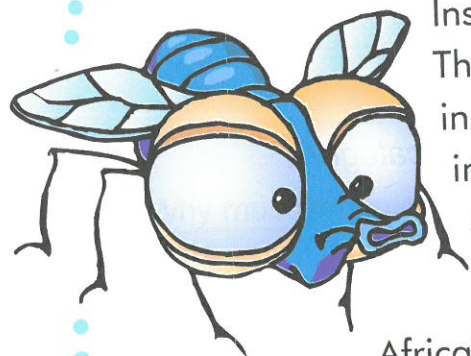


What is An Insect?



Insects are tiny creatures with six legs. They creep or crawl about. Some insects have wings and can fly. Most insects measure less than 25 mm, although some insects in tropical areas can grow larger.

Africa's Goliath Beetle is the biggest insect in the world and weighs a huge 100 g! The Giant Stick Insect from Indonesia grows up to 30 cm long.

There are one million species of insects in the world. Scientists believe that possibly another four million species have not been discovered. Insects have been on the earth for 400 million years.

Insects do not have teeth or mouths. Instead, they have a beak that is just like a straw, but with a point on the end. They use their beaks to poke a hole and then suck out the juices of the plant or animal they are eating. Some insects feed on very strange foods, such as soap, oil or paint!



Let's think about what we have read!

1. Identifying the text

This text is:

- a report
 a narrative
 a recount

2. Understanding the text

Choose the correct answer.

- a. The Goliath Beetle weighs
 10 kg
 100 g
 30 g
- b. The Indonesian Stick insect is
 100 cm long
 30 cm long
 25 cm long
- c. How many species might still be discovered?
 one million
 forty million
 four million
- d. How long have insects been on earth?
 four million years
 one million years
 400 million years

3. Examining the text

Fill in the blanks.

- a. Insects have _____ legs.
- b. Most insects are less than _____ long.
- c. Bigger insects live in _____ places.
- d. The biggest insect in the world is the _____ Beetle.
- e. The Giant _____ Insect is from Indonesia.
- f. Insects use their _____ to eat.
- g. The beak is just like a _____.
- h. Insects eat the _____ of a plant or animal.

4. Decoding the text

Write T if the statement is true, F if it is false.

- a. Insects cannot chew. _____
- b. All insects can fly. _____
- c. Not many insects are as big as the Goliath Beetle. _____