

Rainbow Readers

Title: UGH! Cockroaches!

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

moths	species	colonies	claws	flat
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1. There are many different species of ants, but they are all very similar.
2. You have to be careful with crabs because they have strong claws that pinch.
3. Moths are like butterflies, but they fly around at night.
4. Some types of insects live together in large groups called colonies.
5. Smooth the tablecloth out so that it is flat.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Cockroaches only live in a few places on earth. T / F
2. Cockroaches can walk up walls. T / F
3. Cockroaches don't have any bones in their body. T / F
4. Cockroaches are white when they are first born. T / F
5. Some people keep cockroaches as pets. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. All insects have three body parts and (can fly / **six legs**).
2. Cockroaches use their antennae to (**smell** / taste).
3. Cockroaches fly (more / **less**) than they walk.
4. Using poisons to kill cockroaches can (protect / **harm**) people and pets.
5. In Thailand, people (**eat** / race) cockroaches.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Which is not one of the three body parts all insects have?

- a. Head
- b. Thorax
- c. Torso
- d. Abdomen

2. What do cockroaches and dinosaurs have in common?

- a. They were both on the earth at the same time.
- b. They both went extinct from a comet.
- c. They both ruled the earth at different times.
- d. They are both part of the same species.

3. What do Asian cockroaches like to do?

- a. Fight moths
- b. Fly near lights
- c. Walk up walls
- d. Hide in the dark

4. How long can a cockroach live if its head gets cut off?

- a. It can't live.
- b. It can live for a few days.
- c. It can live for two weeks.
- d. It can live for a month.

5. What is the best way to keep cockroaches out of your house?

- a. Use poisons.
- b. Turn off your lights.
- c. Keep your house clean.
- d. Leave food outside of your house.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

dinosaurs	antennae	poisons	insects	thorax
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If you leave food on the ground, you might get cockroaches. They are insects that live all over the world. They have six legs and three body parts: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. They are flat and can get into small places. They can also walk on walls. They use their antennae to smell and feel. There are over 3,500 species of cockroaches in the world. They like to live in groups. They lay between twenty and fifty eggs at a time. Cockroaches have been on earth since the time of the dinosaurs. They are very strong animals that are hard to kill. Many people don't like them. Other people keep them as pets. Some people even eat them. People who don't like them try to kill them. They use poisons. However, this can harm people and pets. It is best to just keep your house clean.