

abdomen

The last segment or end of an insect’s body.

adapt

When someone or something adjusts to different environments or conditions.

annelid

Elongated, segmented animals, such as worms.

aquatic

Water-living plant or animal.

arachnid

An animal with four pairs of legs and two body segments. Examples include spiders and scorpions.

category

A group of similar things.

consumer

A person or animal that eats something in a food chain.

crustacean

An animal that has an exoskeleton. Examples include crabs and woodlice.

desert

A dry and arid area, covered with sand and rocks. Few plants and animals can live here.

ecosystem

A community of living things interacting together in a particular environment.

food chain

A sequence of organisms in a habitat that depend on each other as a food source.

gastropod

Animals that typically have two or four sensory tentacles and a flattened muscular foot. Examples include slugs and snails.

habitat

The environment in which an animal lives.

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identification

Recognising or naming someone or something.

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insect

An animal with six legs, three body parts and at least one pair of wings.

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larva

The immature stage of an insect’s life cycle.

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life cycle

The series of changes that a living thing goes through as it matures.

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metamorphosis

A process by which an animal’s body changes structure.

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microscope

A device that uses magnifying lenses to make very small things look larger.

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minibeast

A term for a small animal.

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morphology

The study of how things are put together.

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myriapod

Small animals that have elongated bodies with numerous leg-bearing segments.
Examples include centipedes and millipedes.

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natural

As found in nature and not involving anything made by people.

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poisonous

Harmful and able to cause illness or death.

pooter

A device used for collecting small insects.

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predator

An animal that kills and eats other animals.

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prey

An animal hunted by a predator.

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producer

A plant which is part of the first level of a food chain.

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pupa

The stage of an insect's life cycle when it undergoes dramatic changes in appearance and structure, while protected inside a case.

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rainforest

A forest in a tropical area with large amounts of rainfall.

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reproduce

To produce new individuals of the same kind.

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specimen

An animal, plant, mineral or other item, used for scientific study or display.

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thorax

The middle segment of an insect's body, between the head and the abdomen.

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wormery

A container in which worms are kept.

