

CHAPTER 17  
ANT-THE TINY WARRIORS

**True/False Questions**

1. Shepherd ants hunt other insects. (True / False)
2. Ants use their feelers to tap on each other's heads when requesting food. (True / False)
3. Farmer ants are also called umbrella ants because they carry leaves like umbrellas. (True / False)
4. The queen ant leaves the nest to find her own food. (True / False)
5. Military ants make temporary nests and stay in one place. (True / False)

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. Ants have \_\_\_\_\_ stomachs.
2. Shepherd ants milk a sweet liquid from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Farmer ants grow \_\_\_\_\_ on beds of chewed leaves.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ ants steal food stored by other insects.
5. Nurse ants keep the queen clean by washing her with their \_\_\_\_\_.

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. What do shepherd ants do with cow-bugs?
  - a) Hunt them for food
  - b) Milk them for a sweet liquid
  - c) Use them to build nests
2. Why are farmer ants called "umbrella ants"?
  - a) They build nests shaped like umbrellas

- b) They carry leaves over their heads like umbrellas
  - c) They protect their colonies from rain
- 3. What is the role of nurse ants?**
- a) Hunt for food
  - b) Clean the queen and care for eggs/babies
  - c) Declare war on other ant colonies
- 4. What grows on the chewed leaves in farmer ants' nests?**
- a) Flowers
  - b) Fungus
  - c) Seeds
- 5. Why are military ants compared to an army?**
- a) They wear armor
  - b) They are disciplined and march in lines
  - c) They build large forts
- 6. How do ants communicate when they want food?**
- a) By making sounds
  - b) By tapping with their feelers
  - c) By releasing chemicals
- 7. What do thief ants do?**
- a) Grow fungus
  - b) Steal food from other insects
  - c) Milk cow-bugs
- 8. Who brings food to the queen ant?**
- a) Shepherd ants
  - b) Worker ants
  - c) Nurse ants

9. What is the height of some anthills mentioned in the text?

- a) 1–2 inches
- b) 5–6 inches
- c) 10–12 inches

10. What happens when military ants enter a house?

- a) They build a nest
- b) They steal food
- c) Every insect and spider is cleared away