INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT INSECTS

- According to studies, half of all the known animals are insects.
- Every year, insects eat about a third of the world's food crops.
- An insect is a good source of protein, so in several countries it is a delicacy.
- An ant is capable of lifting fifty times its own weight and is capable of pulling thirty times its own weight.
- 278 Japanese beetles were once found on a single apple.
- A worker bee can collect only 1/12th teaspoon of honey in its entire lifespan.
- A headless cockroach can survive for a week but it dies of thirst because it can't drink water.
- A cricket's chirp is a result of its rubbing of its wings together.
- According to studies, the majority of human deaths caused by animals are caused by mosquito bites.
- The complex eye of a housefly has more than 4,000 lenses.
- A flea can jump about two hundred times the length of its body, which is about thirteen inches. This is the equivalent of a six-foot-tall human jumping nine hundred feet.
- The praying mantis is capable of turning its head 360 degrees. It is the only insect that can do this. It is also the only animal on earth with only one ear.

SOME USEFUL INSECTS

B. Although people generally regard insects as harmful, most insects are actually harmless or useful. Some such useful insects are shown and described below. Write their names using the Help Line.

1. _____ produce delicious honey from the sweet nectar they collect from flowers. Honey is a nourishing food material. Beeswax collected from a beehive is used in the manufacturing of candles, polishes, etc.
2. _____ are actually caterpillars that develop into silk moths. The silk they produce, while constructing their cocoons, has been used for centuries to make a delicate fabric.
3. The nymphs and adult females of _____ secrete a sticky substance called lac. Lac is used as a sealing material and in the manufacturing of toys, varnishes, paints, buttons and bangles.
4. _____ are one of the best creatures you can have in your garden. They eat a variety of insects. Their colour and body shape allows them to blend in with the twigs and stems on which they sit while waiting for the prey.






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