DAILY Warm-Up 9

Name _____ Date _____

INSECTS

Insects are animals that do not have backbones. They have a hard exoskeleton, three body parts, two antennae, three pairs of jointed legs, and compound eyes. Some insects have wings. Insects hatch from eggs. They also breathe through special holes called spiracles.

There are millions of different types of insects. Insects are the largest group of animals. Scientists say that insects have been around since long before the dinosaurs. Insects are found all over the world. They live on all continents, in backyards, and even in the walls of homes. Insects live right alongside humans.

Many people are afraid of insects, but not all insects are harmful. Insects may look scary to humans, but that does not mean they are harmful. For example, daddy long-leg spiders, June bugs, dragonflies, moths, and butterflies are all harmless insects.

There are some insects that are harmful to humans. These insects include centipedes, ticks, lice, bees, hornets, and mosquitoes.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why do humans fear insects?
   a. They eat human food.
   b. They look scary.
   c. They are all dangerous to humans.
   d. They are more powerful than humans.
2. What is the purpose of the third paragraph?
   a. to explain how insects bite
   b. to explain how insects are hatched
   c. to explain how the insect body is constructed
   d. to explain that not all insects are harmful
3. Which paragraph would you read to find out about the types of harmful insects?
   a. first paragraph
   b. third paragraph
   c. fourth paragraph
   d. second paragraph
4. Which sentence explains how insects breathe?
   a. Insects breathe through their eyes.
   b. Insects breathe through special holes called spiracles.
   c. Insects breathe through the spiracles in their feet.
   d. Insects breathe through their antennae.

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