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Unit 2 Nature



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Nature



A. Pre-reading

1. Do you like insects? Why?/Why not?
2. Name as many insects as possible. Share with your class.

2. Reading Comprehension

Main Idea: Read the article again. Then choose the best answer.

1. What is this article about?
 - a. Animals that eat insects
 - b. How insects help plants
 - c. Why the world needs insects
 - d. How insects can harm humans

Detail: Choose the best answers to the questions.

2. What might people hesitate about?
 - a. Pollinating crops
 - b. Watching butterflies
 - c. Thanking others
 - d. Allowing a wasp to land on their arm
3. What is NOT mentioned in this article?
 - a. We can grow honey without bees.
 - b. Insects eat the waste left by plants.
 - c. Mosquitoes can carry diseases.
 - d. Bees can help pollinate trees.
4. Why are mosquitoes important?
 - a. They spread diseases around.
 - b. They're food to other animals.
 - c. They also help pollinate plants.
 - d. They help control the number of insects.
5. A deadly _____ is something that could kill us.
 - a. itch
 - b. crop
 - c. pause
 - d. disease



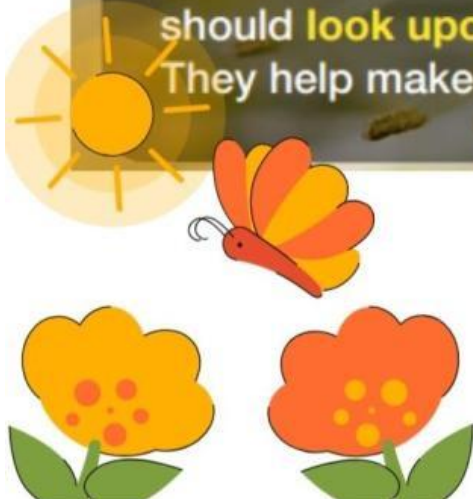
The Importance of Insects

 Track 04

Insects are everywhere. We like to see butterflies **fluttering about** in our gardens, but we might **give pause to** let a bee or a wasp land on our arms. Pretty much everyone hates mosquitoes because they give us **itchy** bites and can even carry **deadly diseases**. Without insects, though, our world would **barely** even be **recognizable**. They do so much for us that we should actually give them thanks!

As it turns out, humans can't really live without the help of insects. Without bees, for example, many trees wouldn't be able to grow the nuts we eat. Many of the **crops** in the fields need bees to **pollinate** them as well, and we must therefore thank the bees for helping put food on our tables. Even the insects we don't like, such as mosquitoes, have a role to play in the food chain. They are **consumed** by lots of other animals. If mosquitoes weren't around, these animals would go hungry and die.

Insects also eat the waste that is left behind when plants die. If they didn't, there would be lots of dead plants still around. Because of all these reasons, we should **look upon** insects with a feeling of **gratitude**. They help make the world the wonderful place that it is.



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1. Grammar

Matching: Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Without _____, the plants around us would die.
2. The students could not learn without the _____ in the library.
3. The soup was made without _____, but it still tasted good.
4. In today's society, people cannot live without _____.

2. Vocabulary

Fill in the Blanks: Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

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1. The large truck _____ a lot of fuel as it travels across the country.
2. The teacher _____ think when she was asked a difficult question by her student.
3. Lots of flying insects were _____ the field of flowers.
4. Maria has a lot of _____ for her parents, who helped her so much in her life.
5. The main _____ that the farmer grows each year is corn.
6. My skin feels very _____ when it gets too dry.



Summarizing: Complete the summary with the correct words.

We share the world with other living things, and insects are important. Without them, our world would not even be ① _____. We would ② _____ be able to survive, because the insects help us so much.



Therefore, we should ③ _____ insects with feelings of gratitude. After all, they help ④ _____ many of the plants that we eat. However, some insects, like mosquitoes, can carry ⑤ _____. A simple mosquito bite can end up being ⑥ _____. Nevertheless, all the insects have a role to play in our world.

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