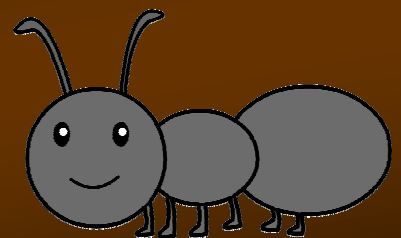
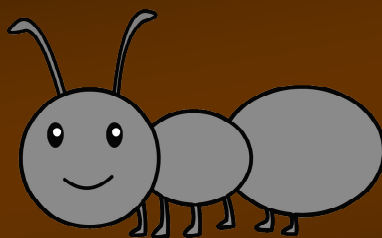
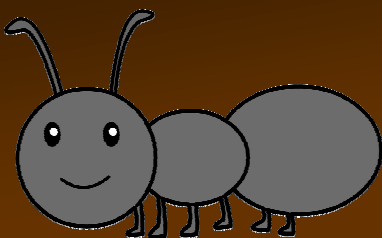




Activity Workbook

Creepy Crawlies

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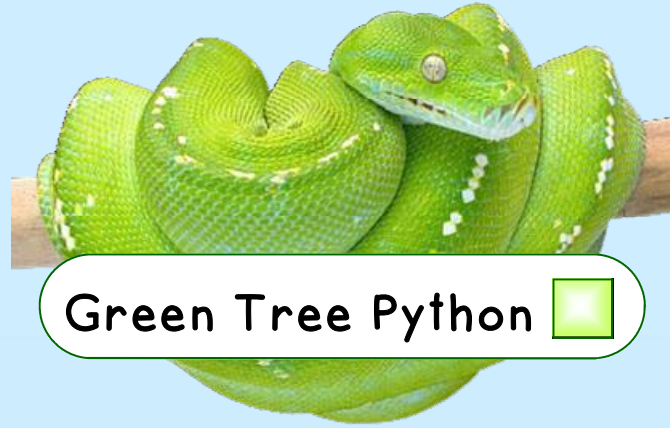


I spy, with my little eye...

Take a walk around the Reptile Zone inside Little Critters Animal Barn, and have a look for the insects, minibeasts, and reptiles below. When you've found them, tick the box!



Locust



Green Tree Python

Chinese Water Dragon



Leafcutter Ant

Corn Snake



Cockroach

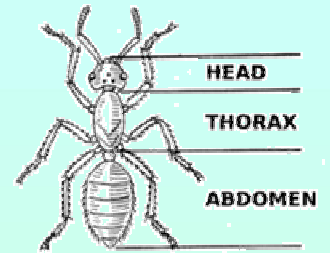
Tarantula



Giant Snail

A minibeast is a small creature without a backbone, like a spider, or a snail. Instead of backbones, these creatures have other methods of protection. Spiders have an exoskeleton instead, and snails wear protective shells on their back.

An insect is a creature with 6 legs, 2 eyes, and antennae. They have 3 body parts (a head, a chest called a thorax, and a tummy called an abdomen), like a butterfly or an ant.



Reptiles are cold-blooded animals with a backbone, like snakes or lizards. They breathe air and have scales on their skin, instead of feathers or fur.

Can you help sort the creatures you've seen into the categories below? Use the information above to help you if you are stuck!

Minibeast

Insect

Reptile

Minibeast Fact Files

Cockroaches

Cockroaches have been around since the time of dinosaurs and are very good at surviving. They prefer to live in warm places, and can live up to a whole month without food! They can hold their breath for 40 minutes and if they ever lose their head, they can live for 7 days without it!



Tarantula

Tarantulas live in rainforests and make burrows underground for protection. They hunt for food at night time and use their legs to pounce on their prey. When tarantulas are threatened, they use their legs to shoot tiny hairs from their tummy to attack predators. They are scared of owls and snakes.



Giant Snails

Snails are so diverse that you can find them on land, sea, or freshwater. They are able to move around by oozing mucus that reduces friction on the ground. Snails can live between 5-25 years depending on the species.



Word Unscrambler

We've scrambled the names of some common insects and minibeasts.
Can you help figure out what they are?

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Insect Fact Files

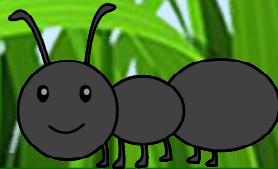
Locusts

Locusts can travel very long distances, and have been known to travel from Africa to England. They feed on plants and crops, and have been known to gather in 'swarms' which can contain billions of locusts! These swarms look like a big black cloud, and they eat huge amounts of crops and plants, which can destroy poor villages.

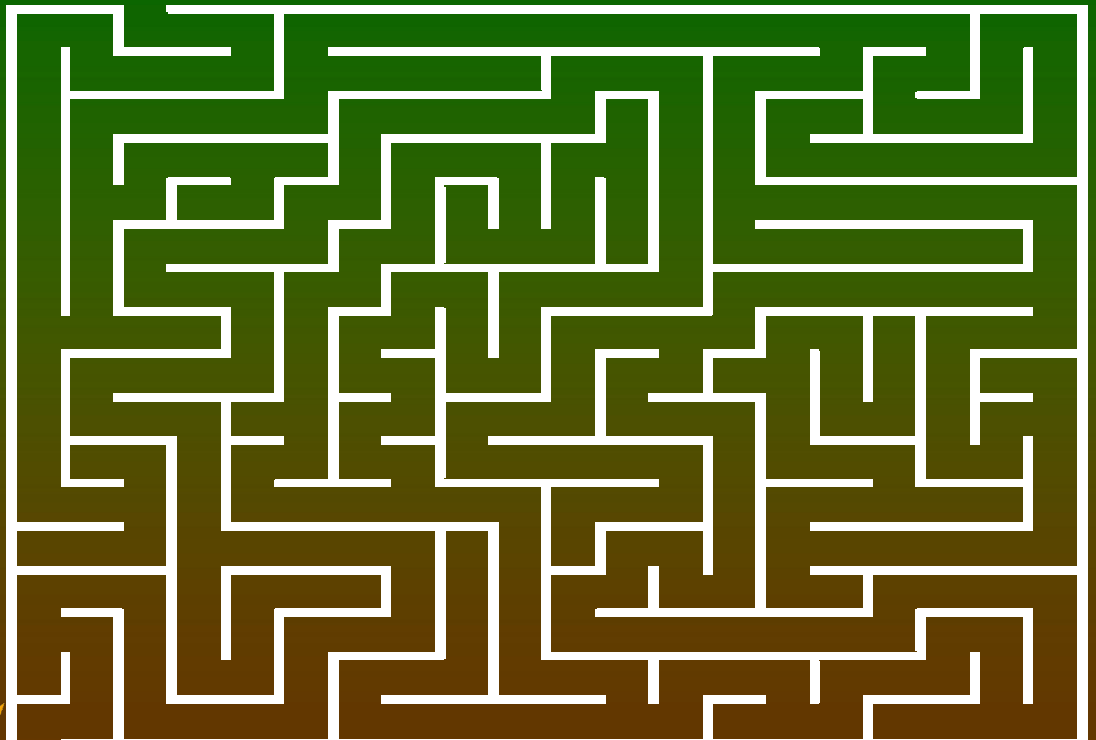


Leafcutter Ants

Leafcutter ants are very clever. They work very hard as a team to cut leaves using their jaw, and bring them back to their underground garden. They then add the leaves to their garden in order to grow fungus, which the ants prefer to eat! Each ant has a different job to do, which depends on their size. They all serve the Queen ant, who is the only one to lay eggs.



Can you help the little ant find his way through the maze to get to his leaf?



Reptile Fact Files

Corn Snakes

Corn snakes are from America, and live in fields or forests. They are meat eaters and require food every couple of days. They eat lizards, bats, bird eggs, and rodents. They are not poisonous and instead kill their prey by wrapping themselves around their victim and squeezing tightly. They are active during the day.



Chinese Water Dragon

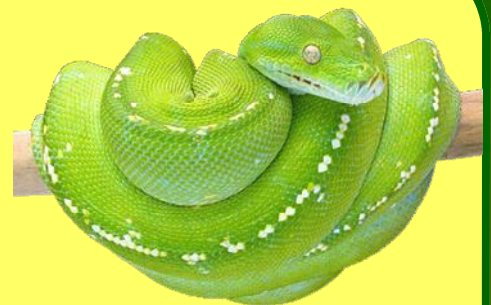
Chinese Water Dragons originally come from South East Asia, and eat both meat and plants. They dive into water to escape danger and can stay underwater for up to 90 minutes. They have been around for 20 million years! Water Dragons communicate by bobbing their heads and waving their arms. They have a lifespan of 20 years.



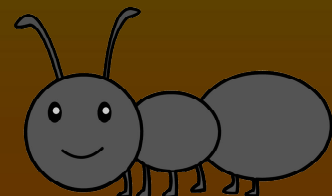
Green Tree Python

Green Tree Pythons spend most of their lives in trees, which makes it difficult for us to find them. They are lime green, with a cream or white coloured belly. They are constrictor snakes, like Corn Snakes, which mean they bite then squeeze their prey before they eat.

They mostly eat rodents and small reptiles. They can grow up to 6 feet long and are known to be a very protective species.



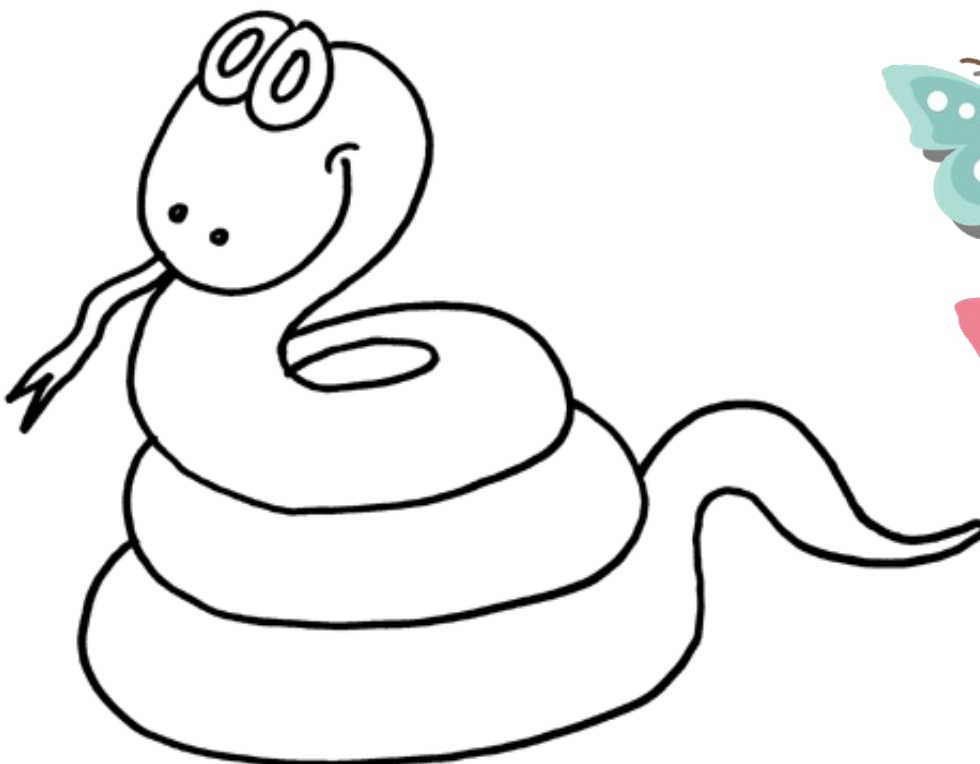
Did you happen to see our other python, Koba? He is a huge Burmese Python and is 11 feet long!



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- Butterfly
- Tarantula
- Snake
- Lizard
- Cockroach
- Locust
- Slug
- Beetle
- Snail
- Ant
- Water Dragon
- Python
- Spider
- Moth
- Ladybird
- Worm

Which one of the creatures listed above did not make it onto our wordSearch?



Can you draw and colour a pattern on this little tree python?



Test Your

Use the information you have learned today

Q1 How many legs do insects have?

Q2 Minibeasts do not have a:

Q3 Instead of fur, reptiles have:

Q4 What was the name of the huge Burmese Python?

Q5 Do you remember how long he was?



Knowledge!

to answer all of the questions below!

Q6 Instead of a backbone, snails have a:

Q7 How many body parts do insects have?

Q8 What do Leafcutter Ants like to eat?

Q9 What is the lifespan of a Chinese Water Dragon?

Q10 What is a group of locusts called?

ANSWERS: Q1-6 legs, Q2-Backbone, Q3-Scales, Q4-Koba, Q5-11 feet, Q6-Shell, Q7-3 body parts, Q8-Fungus, Q9-20 years, Q10-A swarm of locusts.



Choose your favourite insect, minibeast, or reptile, and tell us all about it!

My Creepy Crawly Fact File

This is what my creature looks like:

The creature
I've chosen is a:

My creature
is a...

Insect

Minibeast

Reptile

My creature
lives:

How many legs?

How many eyes?

Do they have wings?

Do they have a tail?

What do they eat?

Tell us an interesting fact!
