

## Insects and Spiders

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### **Taste organs in feet!**

Some people make fun of others saying their brain is in knees. Do you know that the taste organs for butterflies, flies and honeybees are in their feet. No kidding! Butterflies test food plants with their tongues and antennae to verify the leaves are suitable for their caterpillars before laying eggs. They even stamp on the leaves to check the taste.

### **Live drama!**

To fool the enemies, Click beetles lie on their backs as if they were dead. Suddenly they spring up in the air, twist and land on their feet, and run away!

### **Millions of ways for living!**

We know majority of spiders produce silk and use for making webs or traps. There is another variety of spiders called spitting spiders. It catches its prey by shooting poisonous, sticky gum through its fangs.

### **Love Vs. Marriage**

Queen ants pull and rub their wings off after they find their mate. They no longer need them, because they spend the rest of their lives producing eggs! This is true with human also to some extent. Today's so called 'lovers', when they are in love, they will be floating - till they get married. Then they come to ground, which is a reality! Blessed are those who float all the time in bliss.

### **Honey-pot Ants!**

You might know about Camel, which stores plenty of water and uses it for days. Some worker ants similarly store nectar and honeydew when there are lots of flowers in bloom. Those ants are filled with nectar and become fat. Those are 'milked' only after the busy season.

### **Muscle power!**

Earthworms have no legs, no feet and no bones. Their soft bodies are designed to move easily through the soil. They move by stretching and contracting their muscles.

### **How the Fireflies light up the sky?**

Male fireflies, because of the chemicals inside their bodies, make flashing light displays while searching for a mate. The females can not fly, but also send out light signals to help the males find them.

### **Moth Vs. Butterfly**

Butterflies fly during day and they are brightly colored. Their antennae have rounded ends. Moths fly at night and they have feathery antennae.

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