

Minibeasts in the Garden or Park

Minibeasts are very small animals. You can find them outside in a garden, a park, a wood or a pond. There are many different kinds of minibeasts.

Insects

Insects all have six legs. Ants, flies, bees, butterflies and ladybirds are all insects. All of these insects are born from eggs. They are larvae when they hatch, then the larva turns into a pupa and finally out comes an adult.

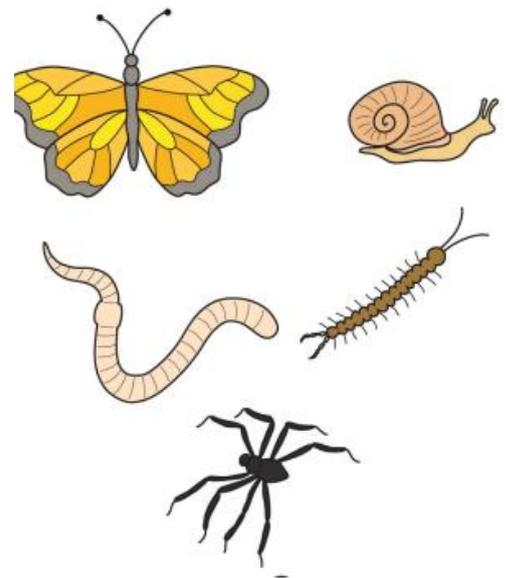
Spiders

Spiders have eight legs, so they are not insects. Spiders are born from eggs. When the eggs hatch, tiny little spiders come out. Most spiders spin sticky webs. Other minibeasts fly into their webs and can't get off again so the spiders can eat them.

Slugs and snails

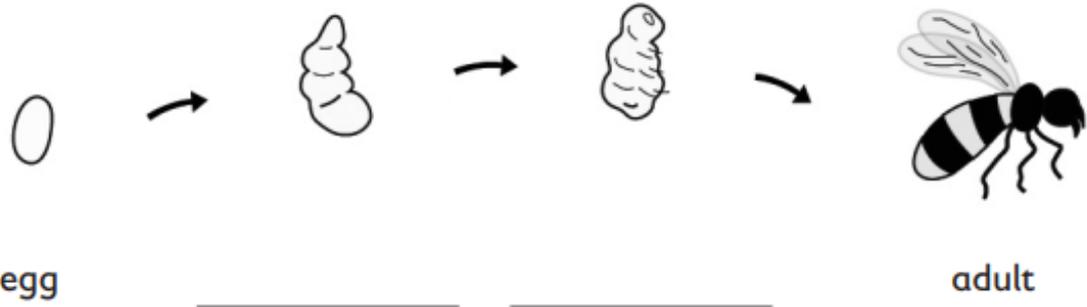
Slugs and snails have no legs, but the bottom side of the body is called the foot. Slugs and snails eat plants. Sometimes, they eat dead plants but they also eat young plants and often kill them. Slugs and snails make a sticky slime. This helps them to slide over rough ground without hurting their foot.

Remember to have an adult nearby if you want to look for minibeasts in a garden or park because some minibeasts sting. After you have looked at the minibeast, you should always let it go.

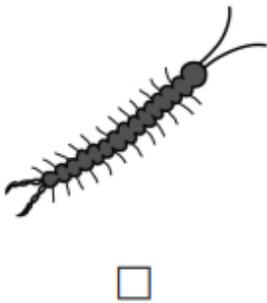


1. Write the names of three insects that live in gardens and parks.

2. Label these pictures to show how an insect grows.



3. Tick the spider.



4. How do most spiders catch their food?

5. What is the bottom side of a slug called?

6. What helps slugs and snails to slide over rough ground?
