

Minibeasts



In this report you will learn about minibeasts. A minibeast is a small animal that doesn't have a backbone like snails, spiders, beetles, slugs, worms and others. It is amazing that minibeasts can be found on dry land and in wet water! Enjoy learning all about wasps, bees, snails and ladybirds.

Wasps

Did you know that wasps live in nests? There are around 10,000 busy worker wasps and one queen wasp. It's amazing that they build paper nests because they can chew wood and other materials carefully and use them to build their nests! Mostly, wasps eat juicy fruit, sweet nectar from flowers and other insects and they can sting badly if they feel threatened.



Bees

It is interesting that bees can be found all over the world in many different countries. They can sting, but only once in their life. Did you know that honeybees talk to each other by dancing? In addition, bees make delicious honey using nectar from flowers and bushes.

Snails

Usually snails come out slowly when it's damp or at night if the weather is dry. They can hide in their hard shells for months if they like. Did you know that snails have four tentacles? Two are eyes and two are for feeling. They have no legs but one foot to rest on. Another interesting fact is that snails can lay about 100 tiny eggs in a dark underground nest!



Ladybirds

Ladybirds are very beautiful minibeasts because they are red and have black spots all over their back. If you count the number of spots it does not tell you how old they are but it tells you what type of ladybird it is. It's interesting that there are 42 types of ladybirds in the UK!



Ladybirds march in a straight line until they come across food. Also, the male is smaller than the female. The ladybird is considered good luck in some countries and people make a wish when they see one. So next time you see a ladybird make sure you make a wish!

Read the question.

- Find the answer in the text.
- Write your answer in a sentence.
- Check, check double check

1- What is a mini beast?

2-Look at the introduction. Where can you find mini beasts?

3- Why do wasps chew wood?

4- What do wasps eat?

5- How do honeybees talk to each other?

6- How many times can bees sting in their life?

7- What are the snail's tentacles for?

8- Why do you think snails lay their eggs underground?

9- If you could have a mini beast as a pet, which one would you choose? Why?

10- How many types of ladybirds are there?

11- Fill in the Blanks.

- There are around _____ busy worker wasps and _____ queen wasp.
- It is interesting that _____ can be found all over the world in many different countries.
- Bees make delicious _____ using nectar from flowers and bushes.
- Snails can _____ in their hard shells for months if they like.
- Snails can lay about _____ tiny eggs in a dark underground nest!
- Ladybirds are very beautiful mini beasts because they are _____ and have _____ spots all over their _____.