



What's the Buzz?

See what you know about insects!

- 1. Which mosquito will bite you?**
a. male b. female c. both d. neither
- 2. For every human on Earth how many ants are there?**
a. 50,000 b. 100,000 c. 1 million d. 3 million
- 3. Where DON'T insects live?**
a. prairie b. ocean c. desert d. arctic
- 4. Which insect lives the longest?**
a. walking stick b. lady bug c. termite d. honey bee
- 5. Which has the shortest life span?**
a. house fly b. grasshopper c. May fly d. cockroach
- 6. An ant can lift how many times its own body weight?**
a. 30 b. 40 c. 50 d. 60
- 7. What body part do crickets and people both have?**
a. hand b. lungs c. ears d. elbows
- 8. How long have insects been around --- how many years BEFORE dinosaurs?**
a. 50,000 years b. 1 million years c. 100 million years d. 150 million years
- 9. Which would weigh the most?**
a. all elephants b. all elephants, rhinoceros, and hippopotamus c. all animals d. all insects
- 10. How many kinds of insects are there?**
a. 100,000 b. 150,000 c. 1 million d. we don't know

How did you do?

1. Only the female mosquitoes bite. They need a blood meal before they can lay their eggs.
2. For every human on Earth there are about 1 million ants.
3. The only place that insects don't live is in the ocean. They have adapted to many other environments.
4. The termite queen can live for up to 15 years and can lay an egg every three seconds for her whole life.
5. The mayfly has one of the shortest life spans. Adults only live for a few hours after emerging from the water.
6. Ants are very strong. An ant can lift 50 times its own body weight.
7. Crickets have "ears" on their front legs just below their knees. These drum-like membranes are very sensitive to sound vibrations.
8. Insects have been around a long time. Fossil records prove that they began to inhabit the earth 150 million years before the dinosaurs.
9. If they were put on a scale, all insects would weigh more than all other animals together.
10. Scientists are still discovering and classifying new species of insects right now. So no one really has any idea how many kinds of insects there are.

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