



INSECT OR NOT?!

WHAT MAKES AN INSECT?

Research insects and see if you can find the answers to these questions...

How many legs do insects have?

2

6

8

14

10

Insects are supported by...

- A skeleton on the inside of their bodies (like humans)
- A hard outer casing called an 'exoskeleton'
- Nothing - their bodies are jelly-like

Do insects have a backbone?

YES

NO

All insects have wings...

TRUE

FALSE

Use your findings (answers on the next page) to work out whether these animals are insects or not..





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Insects are invertebrates which means they don't have a backbone

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A lot of adult insects have wings, but often their larvae don't. Some types of adult insect also have no wings.

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This is a millipede. You can tell they're not insects because they have more than 6 legs



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This is a shield bug It belongs to a group of insects called 'true bugs'



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This is a snail. It belongs to a group called the molluscs. Definitely not an insect as it has no legs!



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This is a butterfly. Although their exoskeleton isn't as obvious as in other insects they still have one



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This is a ladybird larva. Ladybirds are a type of beetle



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This is a hoverfly. They are a type of 'true fly' even though they look like wasps and bees.



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This is a woodlouse. You can tell they're not insects by counting the legs - they have 14!



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This is a worm. Worms have no exoskeleton so they're definitely not insects



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This is a bee. You can tell bees apart from flies by counting their wings - bees have 4, flies have 2.

