

INSECT BINGO

PURPOSE OF LESSON:

Describe five places where insects live. Give examples of the ways insects find food, water, shelter and a place to lay their eggs.

QUICK FACTS:

Insects have managed to invade almost every habitat in the world. In fact it's almost impossible to find a place where there are no insects. You can find insects living on seashores, in forests, in deserts, on mountains and even a few on the surface of the ocean.

An animal's home is called its habitat. Insects live in habitats that provide them with food, shelter, water and space and air to mate, lay eggs and grow. Each insect has specific environmental needs that ease the competition with other insects. For example, the needs of a tent caterpillar are much different from the needs of a flea. Fleas survive by sucking blood from a warm host. Tent caterpillars survive by eating tree leaves and building a tent in the tree for protection. Some insects such as cockroaches, are very adaptable and can live in many different types of habitats.

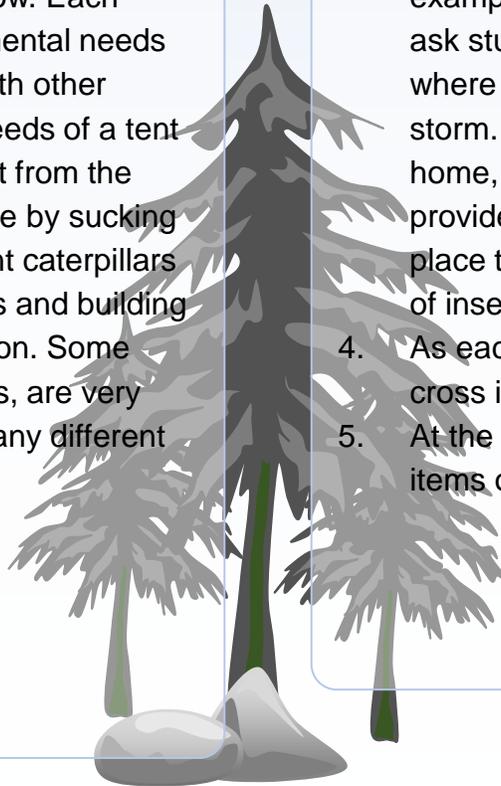
ACTIVITY

MATERIALS

- Insect Bingo Cards
- Crayons

Ready, Set, Go!

1. Discuss with children the items used on the bingo card. Review new vocabulary.
2. Provide a bingo card and crayon to each child or pair of children if in a large group.
3. Lead children to various locations in the park to search for the items on the bingo card. When a child spots something on the sheet, discuss it in relation to an insect's habitat. For example, if a dragonfly is spotted, ask student what it might eat or where it takes shelter in case of a storm. If someone sees an insect home, discuss how that home provides food, water, shelter, and a place to lay eggs for a particular type of insect.
4. As each insect or item is spotted, cross it off on the bingo card.
5. At the end of hike, review insect and items observed.



Insect Bingo



Wasp



Butterfly



Dragonfly



Beetle

FREE SPACE



Water Bug



Lady Bug



Damselfly



Fly



Ant



Grasshopper



Bee