



Minibeasts

Can you name these creatures?



What are minibeasts?

Minibeasts are small creatures that can be found in places like gardens, rivers and even houses. Spiders, butterflies, ladybirds and ants are all minibeasts.

Spiders

There are lots of different kinds of spider. Spiders can be very big or very small. Spiders can live in lots of different places. You could find them in a shed, a field or even in your bath.



Spiders have eight legs. Their body is made of two parts -one big part and one small part. Spiders have very good eyes so that they can see all around them.

1. What is the *title*?.....

2. Find and copy a *subheading* from the text

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3. Find and copy a word that means *little*

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Butterflies

Butterflies can be found all around the world. They like to live in warm places. In England, we can see them during the summer. In the day, they look for food. At night, they can be found hiding on the underside of a leaf, or tucked away in between rocks.



What do butterflies eat?

Butterflies get all their food by drinking. They have a long, thin tube in their mouth called a *proboscis*. They use this like a straw to suck up their food. They eat fruit juice from fruits like watermelon and oranges. They also drink sweet nectar which they get from flowers.

4. Tick two statements that are **true**.

Butterflies can only be found in England

Butterflies come out at night

Butterflies like warm places

Butterflies drink fruit juice

5. How do butterflies get their food?

6. Where does **nectar** come from?

Ladybirds

Ladybirds are a type of beetle. They have a protective, hard shell which they can open out to let their wings out. Ladybird's shells are usually red with black spots. They have four wings altogether. There are lots of different types of ladybird. Different types of ladybirds have different spots.



Did you know...?

- Ladybirds don't smell with their noses but they smell with their feet.
- When ladybirds get older, their spots start to fade.

7. How many wings does a ladybird have?

8. Why do ladybirds have a hard shell?

9. What happens to ladybirds when they get older?

Ants

Ants live in large groups. A family of ants is called a colony. There can be millions of ants in one colony. What a lot of ants that is! Some ants have wings and some ants do not have wings. Ants are very strong. They can lift 20 times its own body weight. Ants are famous for being good at working in a team. They all work together to carry food, build nests and protect themselves from large animals.



10. What is the name for a large group of ants?

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11. What **two** special skills do ants have?

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12. What do ants do in their teams? Name two things.

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