

## Reception Fact Sheet – Minibeasts – The Hungry Caterpillar

### Key Knowledge- discussion points

A minibeast is a type of animal that has no back bone. The scientific name for this type of animal is an 'invertebrate'.

Lots of animals are invertebrates, there is a list of some of them on the next page. Can you learn all 18? Do you know more?

A life cycle is the different stages of life for a living thing. All animals have a lifecycle and you have also learnt that plants do too. A butterfly's life cycle is very special, you may already know about it. The stages are egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, pupa, butterfly, egg.

There are lots of different ways to sort minibeasts. Insects, not insects. Symmetrical, not symmetrical. Flies, cannot fly. No legs, legs. Lives underground, does not live underground etc.

Minibeasts have lots of different habitats (places they live). Some common ones are under a log, on a plant, in the soil, in a pond, in the sky. Which minibeasts live where though...

### Questions I can answer at the end of the topic

What is a minibeast?

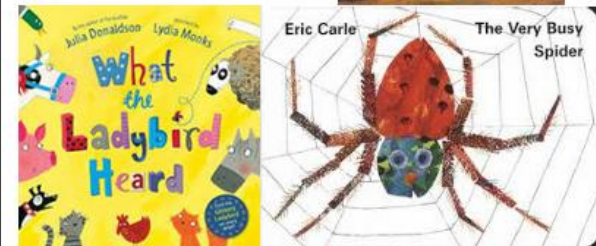
How many different minibeasts can you name?

Explain the stages of the butterfly lifecycle.

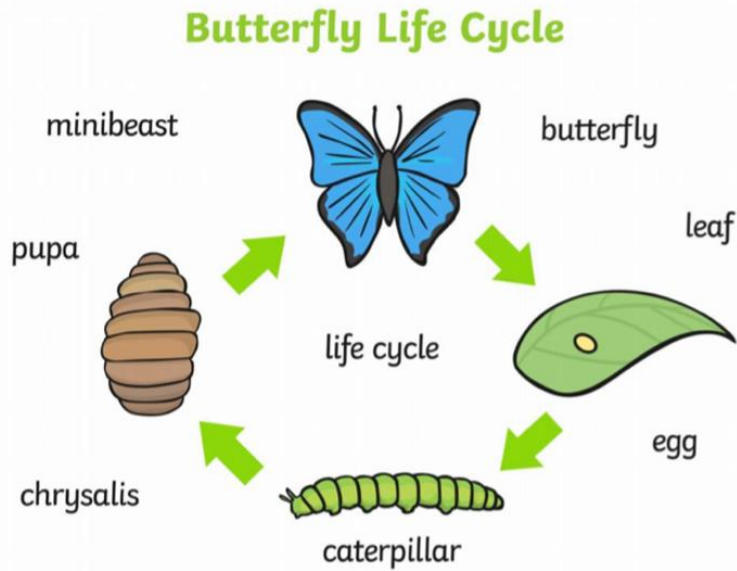
Can you sort these minibeasts in to categories and explain how you sorted them?

Tell me about the different places (habitats) minibeasts live.

### Related Texts you might want to read and share



# Life Cycle of a Butterfly



legs

wings

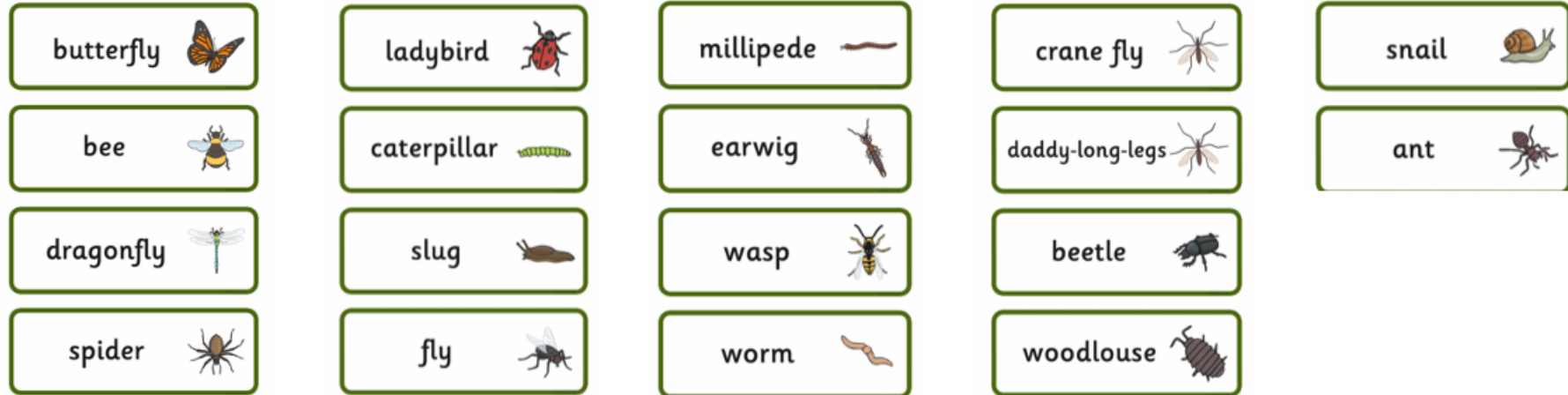
eyes

head

chrysalis

antenna

## Key Vocabulary



<u>Key vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Insect	A tiny animal with 6 legs and a body in three parts. Many insects have wings.
Minibeast	A very small animal, like a bug or insect, that we can find outside.
Caterpillar	A long, wiggly insect that hatches from an egg and eats leaves before turning into a butterfly.
Butterfly	An insect with big, colourful wings that can fly. It used to be a caterpillar.
Lifecycle	The way a living thing grows and changes from the beginning to the end of its life.
Habitat	The place where an animal lives and finds food, water, and shelter.