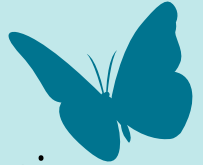


INSECT VOCABULARY



INSECT





A type of small animal with six legs, a body divided into three parts, and often two pairs of wings, for example, an ant, beetle, or butterfly.



ARACHNID





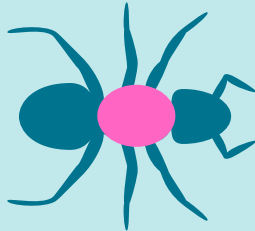
Arachnids are similar to insects,
but with four pairs of legs, for
example, spiders, scorpions, ticks,
and mites.



THORAX



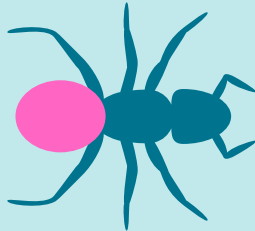
The thorax is the midsection of the of the insect body, between the head and the abdomen.



ABDOMEN



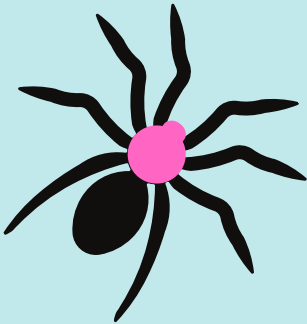
The abdomen is one of the three main body segments. The abdomen contains the heart, reproductive organs, and other digestive organs.



CEPHALO-
THORAX



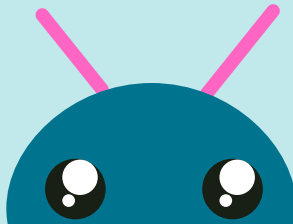
The fused head and thorax of
spiders and other chelicerate
arthropods



ANTENNAE



A pair of long, thin organs that
are found on the heads of insects



NECTAR



A sweet liquid produced by
flowers and collected by bees and
other insects. Bees turn nectar
into honey!



POLLEN

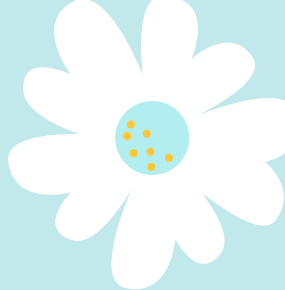


A powder, produced by the male part of a flower, that causes the female part of the same type of flower to produce seeds. It is carried by insects or the wind.

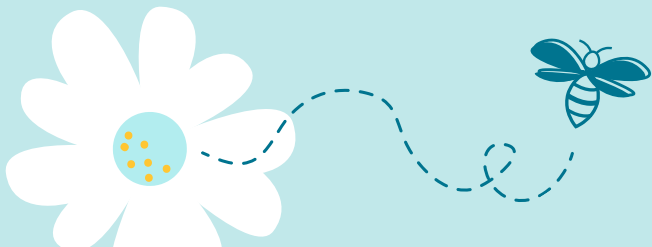


POLLINATOR





Something, such as an insect,
that carries pollen from one plant
or part of a plant to another



COCOON





The silky covering that encloses and protects caterpillars (a type of insect) during a stage in their lives before they develop into adults.



EXOSKELETON



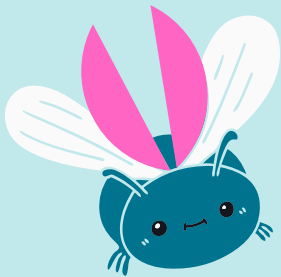
A hard outer layer that covers,
supports, and protects the
insects body.



ELYTRA



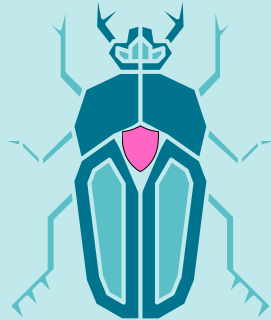
The elytra primarily serve as protective wing-cases for the hindwings underneath, which are used for flying.



SCUTELLUM



A shield-shaped bony plate or scale, as on the thorax of some insects.



MANDIBLES



A pair of appendages near the insect's mouth used for grasping, crushing, or cutting food, or to defend against predators.



PEDIPALP



Either of the second pair of appendages of various arthropods that lie on each side of the mouth and often perform a specialized function, such as grasping or feeling.



URTICATING HAIR



Urticating hairs are possessed by some arachnids and insects, for example tarantulas and moths.

They serve as an effective defense against predators.

