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Ant

- A leafcutter ant can lift 50 times its bodyweight.
- A colony of ants is called a formicary.
- Ants live everywhere except Antarctica.
- They lived alongside dinosaurs.



Caterpillar

- Caterpillars grow to become butterflies or moths.
- This change is called metamorphosis.
- Caterpillars can have 12 eyes.
- Some have bright colours to scare away birds.



Grasshopper

- Grasshoppers can leap using their strong back legs.
- They rub their legs against their wings to make noises.
- Grasshoppers can fly.
- They squirt brown liquid at their enemies.

Honeybee

- Honeybees have four wings.
- They have five eyes.
- A honeybee can tell others where food is by dancing.
- Honeybees use the sun to help them find their way.



Ladybird/bug

- Ladybirds/bugs hibernate during the winter.
- Some can have as many as 22 spots.
- Others have stripes, not spots.
- Ladybirds/bugs smell using their feet.



Leaf bug

- Leaf bugs are not easy to spot on a tree or bush.
- The largest leaf bug can be 30cm long.
- They sway when they walk like a leaf blown by a breeze.
- If a leaf bug loses a leg, it can grow a new one.



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Moth

- There are many more types of moths than butterflies.
- Some squeak like a mouse.
- Others can live underwater.
- Moths find their way using the moon.



Scarab beetle

- Some scarab beetles are brightly coloured or shiny.
- Scarab beetles eat animal dung.
- They make balls of dung so that they can roll them.
- One scarab beetle is called a rhinoceros beetle.



Shield bug

- If attacked, shield bugs let off an awful smell.
- They are called 'stinkbugs' because of this.
- They have bodies that look like shields.
- Shield bugs like to sunbathe.



Snail

- Snails don't like it to be too hot or too cold.
- Baby snails are born with shells.
- Snails retreat into their shells if disturbed.
- They live everywhere, including Antarctica.

Spider

- Spiders are arachnids, not insects.
- They have eight legs, not six.
- Spiders have 48 knees.
- Not all spiders weave webs.



Tarantula

- There are about 900 types of tarantulas.
- They come in different sizes and colours.
- Tarantulas often live underground.
- Female tarantulas can live for 20 to 30 years.



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