Insects
Literacy for Anywhere - Level 1

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If your school or library uses another system for leveling books, you can use the chart below to add *Literacy for Anywhere* books into the collection. Levels are based on the following study: *Supplemental Information for Appendix A of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy: New Research on Text Complexity*.

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Level 1

Insects are all over.
Insects live in trees. Insects live in dirt. Insects can live in your house! Insects even live on water.
There are more than 2 million types of insects. They all have some things in common.

The body of an insect has three main parts: a head, a thorax, and an abdomen. Can you see the parts on this wasp?
On the head are the eyes and mouth. Insects also have antennae. Antennae help them feel.

The thorax is in the middle. It is where the wings and legs are. All insects have six legs. Most insects have four wings.
The abdomen is at the back. It holds the stomach and the heart.

Sometimes the three main parts are hard to see. Can you guess where they are on this insect?
Some insects are small. This is a bed bug.

Some insects are big. This insect is as big as a hand!
Some insects are helpful. Bees spread pollen. Pollen helps make new plants.

Some insects are cute.
Some insects are scary. This is a water bug. It has a strong bite!

Some insects are pretty. This is a shiny insect.
Some insects are smelly. This is a stinkbug.

Many insects are hard to see. This stick insect looks like a stick.
A leaf insect looks like a leaf.

This insect looks like part of a flower.
This insect looks like sand.

Hiding helps them survive. Many animals like to eat insects.
Insects can eat each other.

Even some plants eat insects.
People eat insects too! Insects have a lot to hide from.

Insects are all over. There are many kinds of insects. They feed animals and help make new plants. Some can hurt us, but many help us.
Insects
Review Questions!

1. How many legs do insects have?
2. What are the three main parts of an insect?
3. What part are the legs attached to?
4. Why do insects need to hide?
5. How do insects help us?

Insects
Explore!

Become an insect hunter! Try to find five insects. Don’t touch them! Count their legs. If there are more than six, keep looking! How do the insects look the same? How do they look different?
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