

'Baby Insects'

Most insects lay their eggs near a plant or a dead animal, so that when their babies hatch they will have something to eat. Some wasps sting a caterpillar or beetle and put it into a hole. Then they lay an egg in this hole, so their baby will have something to eat when it hatches.	19	
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Most insects do not take care of their eggs. They may even eat them! Others lay their eggs and then just fly away. A few insects do stay with their eggs and babies, protecting them from predators.	75	
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Some insects, like ants, termites, and some bees and wasps, are different. Thousands of them live together in a colony. They take very good care of their eggs and babies.	108	
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When the eggs hatch, some kinds of insect babies look very different from their parents. These are called larvae. Many larvae eat their old egg cases. Other kinds of insect babies look more like their parents. These are called nymphs. The nymphs do not have wings and some of them live under water.	139	
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Nymphs and larvae are always hungry! Some eat huge amounts of leaves and fruit.	190	

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