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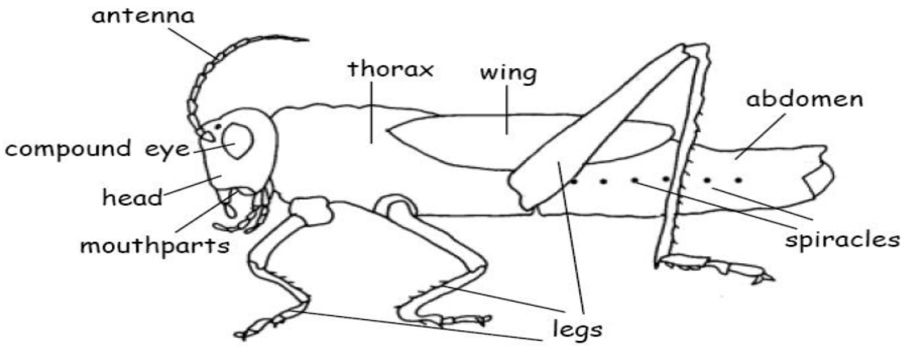
All About Insects

Directions: Read this passage about insects, then answer the questions.

Facts About Insects

Most animals on Earth are insects. There are about 1,250,000 species of animals and about one million are insects. That is 80 percent of all animals. Insects have been on Earth for a very long time. Fossils show that insects were here 350 million years ago.

Insects have three body parts, two antennae, and six jointed legs. Most adult insects have wings. Flies only have two wings. All other insects with wings have four. All wings and legs are attached to the thorax body part. All insects are covered by an exoskeleton, a skeleton covering the outside of their bodies like armor. When an insect sheds this covering it is called molting.

Parts of an Insect