
All About Ants

Reading Comprehension

Ants

Ants are incredible! All ants have antennae and jaws. They need their antennae for smelling and touching. They have long, strong jaws. Their jaws open and shut sideways like a pair of scissors. Adult ants cannot chew their food, so they just squeeze the food until the juice comes out. They swallow the juice and throw away the dried parts of the food.

Each ant family has its own nest, called a colony. Each colony has its own smell. Each of the ants in the colony knows the smell. Enemies will not be able to enter their camp without being noticed. Several kinds of ants will even sting an intruder that tries to attack the nest.

The queen ant is the only one that lays eggs for the whole colony. None of the other ants can lay eggs at all.

The worker ants take care of the baby ants. They also look for food and protect the nest. Worker ants keep the nest spick and span. They take out the “trash” from the nest and put it in the garbage area.

Everyone needs to do their job in an ant colony. If they did not they would not survive and there would be no more ants in the world.

Story Questions:

1. Using the clues in the story, another word for *intruders* would be...
 - a. unwanted friends.
 - b. unwanted queens.
 - c. unwanted enemies.
 - d. unwanted workers.

2. This passage is about...
 - a. ants going to war.
 - b. the life of ants.
 - c. ants and their hobbies.
 - d. how ants take out the trash.

3. Which words could be used instead of “spick and span” as used in the story?
 - a. slow and lazy
 - b. dusty and dirty
 - c. ugly and awful
 - d. neat and clean

Story Writing

4. **Write** a story about ants coming to a picnic in your backyard.

Math Worksheet

5. **Practise** [counting coins](#).

Word Problems

6. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
 - ★ Which is more money: 3 quarters or 6 dimes? Why?

 - ★ Which is more money: 4 quarters or 100 pennies? Why?

Fun Stuff!

7. What's [inside the anthill](#)? **Watch** this video and then **draw** what you think is under an anthill, in the tunnels.