

# WRITING PROMPT

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## INSECTS

### Prompt

*Write a report about an insect.*

- *describe the insect*
- *explain its life cycle*
- *describe what it needs to survive*
- *tell if it is helpful or harmful and why*
- *include an illustration or model of your insect*

### Word Walls

*abdomen*  
*adult*  
*beetle*  
*larva*  
*insect*  
*mealworm*  
*stage*  
*thorax*  
*cocoon*  
*metamorphosis*  
*butterfly*  
*pupa*  
*chrysalis*

#### Writing Standards

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*Explain the steps involved in making the milkweed bug's habitat. Remember to use the signal words: first, next, then and finally in your explanation. Draw and label an illustration of your bug's habitat.*

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*molt  
nymph  
droppings  
stage  
egg  
habitat  
growth  
adult  
metamorphosis  
incomplete  
insect  
bug*

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# QUICK WRITES

GRADE 2

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### Lesson No.

- 1 - 1 *Describe how your meal worm felt.*
- 1 - 2 *Explain the three parts of an insect.*
- 1 - 3 *Do you think we could get our meal worm to live forever? Explain why or why not.*
- 2 - 1 *Tell me how waxworms and mealworms are different.*
- 2 - 2 *Do you think a waxworm would make a good pet? Why or why not?*
- 2 - 3 *Predict what your waxworm will turn into.*
- 3 - 1 *Tell me what you think insects need to survive.*
- 3 - 2 *Compare the milkweed habitat to your home.*
- 3 - 3 *Explain why the milkweed bug is an incomplete metamorphosis. What is missing?*
- 5 - 1 *Tell me what you know about caterpillars.*

**5 - 2**      *Explain what is happening inside the chrysalis.*

**5 - 3**      *If I were a butterfly, I .....*

**6 - 1**      *Explain why some crickets chirp and others don't.*

**6 - 2**      *Describe your favorite insect.*

# WORD WALL

## Insects

abdomen	stage	immature	waste
adult	thorax	male	wing
beetle	bristle	mature	butterfly
culture	clasper	nymph	caterpillar
darkling beetle	cocoon	growth	chrysalis
dead	insect	hatch	mallow
dropping	moth	leg	nectar
head	proleg	living	proboscis
insect	stage	mating	silk
larva	antenna	metamorphosis	spinneret
life cycle	beak	mulberry	spiracle
living	behavior	pupate	egg
mealworm	bug	silkworm	female
molt	habitat	pupa	segment