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Millions of insects live on Earth.
Insects are different from all other animals. Insects have six legs. Let’s count the legs on this fly.
Insect bodies have three main parts: head, thorax, and abdomen. You can see these parts on this ant.
Many insects have wings to help them move from place to place. The wings of a butterfly may have many beautiful colors.
Insects have antennae to help them feel, hear, taste, or smell. This cricket’s long antennae help it touch, smell, and taste.
Some insects look like their parents from the beginning and some change as they grow. This caterpillar will become a butterfly.
Some insects live alone and some live in communities. This bee lives in a hive with other bees.
Insects communicate in many different ways. This firefly signals with its light.
lady beetle or ladybug

No matter what their special features,
insects sure are wonderful creatures!
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