

**Small Crawling & Flying Animals**

**Vocabulary**

**Adaptations** – physical characteristics or behaviour, which helps a plant or animal live, successfully where it does.

**Abdomen** – “The **abdomen** is one of the three main body segments of **insects**.

**Camouflage** – body colour or markings that help an animal hide from its predators (enemies).

**Chrysalis** – the protective covering around the pupae of butterflies.

**Cocoon -** the protective covering around the pupae of some insects - particularly moths.

**Decomposer** - any plant or animal that feeds on and breaks down dead plants or animals into smaller pieces that will become part of the soil (earthworms, centipede, fly, slug).

**Exoskeleton** – a hard outer skin that protects soft insides.

**Habitat** – the natural place where a plant or animal grows and lives.

**Insect** – has 3 distinct body parts (head, thorax, abdomen), 6 legs (3pairs), 1 pair of antennae and an external skeleton (exoskeleton).

**Invertebrate** – any animal that does not have a spinal column (backbone).

**Life Cycle/Metamorphosis –** the change from young to adult, usually four stages (egg, larva, pupa, adult)

**Proboscis –** a projection or elongated appendage at the front of the face. In [vertebrates](https://kids.kiddle.co/Vertebrates) (animals with a spinal column or spine), the term is used to describe an elongated nose or snout (e.g., aardvark or elephant). In [invertebrates](https://kids.kiddle.co/Invertebrates), the term usually refers to tubular mouthparts used for feeding and sucking.

**Pupa – “**the part of the process of becoming an [adult](https://kids.kiddle.co/Adult) for some [insects](https://kids.kiddle.co/Insect): [butterflies](https://kids.kiddle.co/Butterfly), [moths](https://kids.kiddle.co/Moth), [beetles](https://kids.kiddle.co/Beetle), [flies](https://kids.kiddle.co/Fly), and [bees](https://kids.kiddle.co/Bee). The pupal stage comes after being a [larva](https://kids.kiddle.co/Larva); the next stage is adulthood.” The pupa in stage in butterflies is the chrysalis. In moths, it is the cocoon.

**Physical Characteristic** – a quality or feature (thing) on a body.

**Predator** – animal that hunts other animals for food.

**Thorax** – the second or middle part of an insect's body.