



Insect Paragraphs

I can identify a paragraph.



1. Read the text and then explain what each paragraph is about.

- a)** Insects are bugs and other creepy crawlies. They are the most common type of animal because they live in so many different environments, except under the sea.

This paragraph is about _____

- b)** Insects don't have bones. They have powerful exoskeletons (skeletons on the outside of their bodies). Many insects can fly and are very small which helps them survive. They have a piercing and sucking mouth part from which they spit saliva which helps to digest and suck up food - they cannot chew. Every insect has a minimum of six legs and a body split into three main parts. These parts are called the head, thorax and abdomen.

This paragraph is about _____

- c)** Some bugs attack and eat other bugs. They do this in different ways. Some jump on their prey, some grab their prey, others set traps like hidden holes in the ground. Successful predators survive.

This paragraph is about _____

- d)** Insects have to protect themselves to survive. Different creatures find different ways to keep themselves safe. A bombardier beetle sprays a burning liquid at predators to scare them away, whereas brightly coloured bugs use their appearance to frighten off attackers. The bright colours show the predator that they are poisonous. Other insects are so well disguised that they don't even look like insects. This is called camouflage. Some can camouflage themselves to look like the objects around them, such as twigs, leaves or branches. This way, hungry predators cannot see the bugs.

This paragraph is about _____

2. Explain what the following section is about.

- At least 90% of the world's living creatures are insects.
- There are around 90,000 species of bugs.
- Bugs can measure from 1mm to over 10cm.
- In some parts of the world grasshoppers are a popular food for humans.

This section is about _____