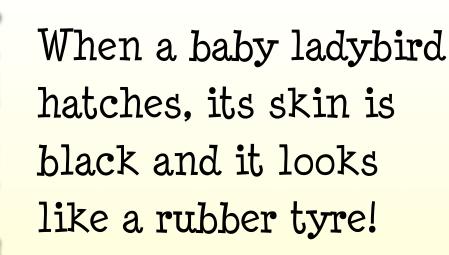


A ladybird eats thousands of aphids during its lifetime.





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The wings on a Peacock butterfly have marks that look like eyes. This scares away birds who might try to eat them.





Nymphs can move really quickly by squirting a jet of water out of their tail.





Spiders build different types of web. Some of these are called an 'orb web', 'hammock web' and 'funnel web'.





Snails move around by making a thin layer of slime on the ground. They slide their bodies along this.





Some minibeasts eat solid wood, animal droppings and rotten food. They are great for the environment because they recycle these things!





When the Giant Swallowtail butterfly is a caterpillar, it looks like a bird dropping so that other creatures don't try to eat it!





Some minibeasts are carnivores (they eat meat) and some are herbivores (they eat plants).



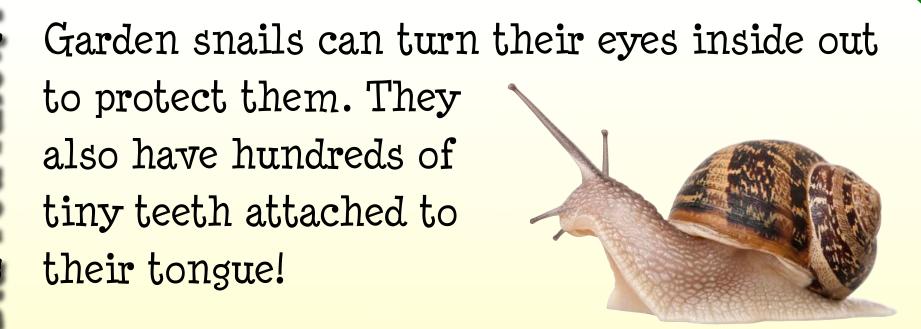


Some minibeasts live on land and some live in water.





Centipedes have one pair of legs on each of their body segments and millipedes have two.



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Some types of ants can squirt acid up to one metre away. They do this to defend their nest.

Bees can only sting once... they then die.





Did you know that one out of every four animals on Earth is a beetle?





The first beetle-like creatures lived about 270 million years ago!





It is estimated that 10,000,000,000,000,000 ants live on Earth at any one time!

There are more than 120,000 different types of flies around the world. Most flies live for about 21 days!





A female fly can lay about 3,000 eggs during its short life!





Grasshoppers can hear through their bellies! They have an eardrum on their abdomen.







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