



Beneficial insects' investigation

There are many different types of beneficial insects in the garden. Some have similar features but do different things and need different things. For example, a honey bee can look a little similar to a hoverfly, but it plays a different role in the garden.

Research a beneficial insect in your garden.

What are the distinguishing features, benefits to our crops, survival needs, lifecycle and behaviours?

I am investigating a: _____

Sketch your insect:



FEATURES

The key features of this insect include:

- A fluffy body that catches pollen
- A proboscis for drinking nectar
- Sharp legs for holding onto prey
- Wings
- Warning colours, such as spots or stripes
- Camouflage

BENEFITS FOR OUR CROPS

This insect is a:

- Predator
- Pollinator
- Both predator and pollinator

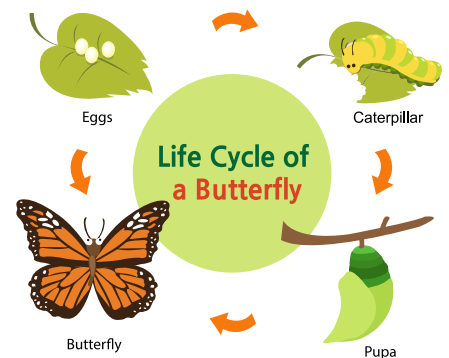




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Survival Needs: (What does this insect need to survive? What habitat, food, and other needs does it have?)

Life cycle: Draw the life cycle of your insect, showing how it grows and changes during its life – refer to the example of the butterfly life cycle.





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Behaviours: How would this insect use a flower that we planted in the garden?
Choose one of these three flowers, draw the flower and your insect using it.

Alyssum



Marigold



Calendula

