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BUG-A-PALOOZA

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# AMAZING ANTS

**THE FLYSPECK FLYER**

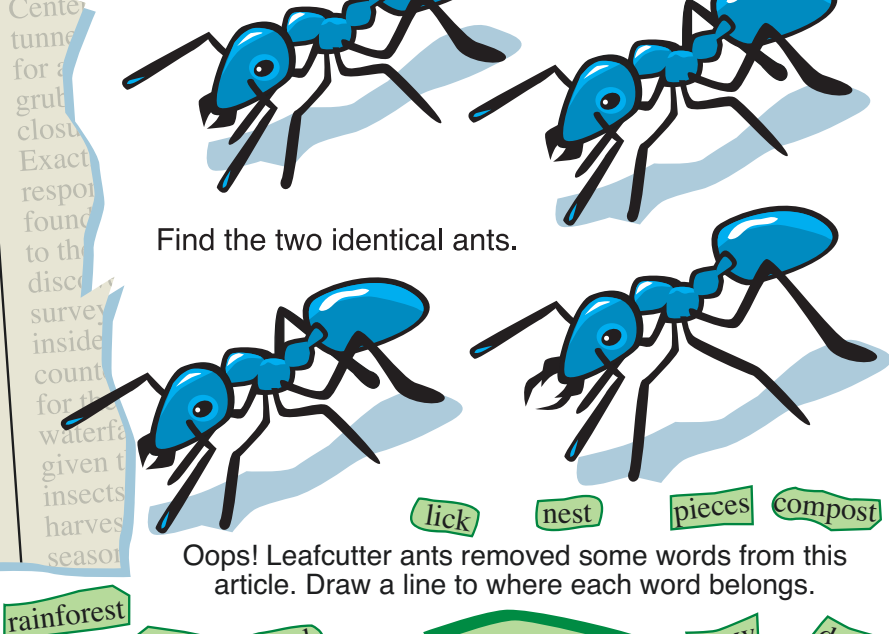
## Underground Cities

By Nellie Fly  
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Most ants build their homes or nests underground. They dig tunnels and rooms. The extra dirt is carried outside and forms a hill around the entrance.

Underground ant nests contain many different rooms with different functions. There is a room where the queen lays eggs. A team of worker ants cares for the queen, her ant larva and the cocoons.

Ant nests also have special rooms to store food, a nursery for young ants and resting rooms for worker ants.



## Chow Line

When an ant finds a large piece of food, it returns to the nest and enlists other worker ants to help carry the food. On the way back to the nest, the ant leaves a trail of odors as landmarks, so that it can find its way back to the food.

## Farmer Ants

Leafcutter ants live in the  and collect leaves by first  them into small pieces using their sharp, pointed jaws. They carry the  back to their nest, holding them high above their heads.

Surprisingly, they  eat the leaves. Instead, they use them to  food! Back at the , smaller worker ants  the leaves clean and cut them into tiny pieces. These are then chewed up and made into miniature  heaps to grow the fungus on which they .

Standards Link: Life Science: Living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve special functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

**Extra! Extra!**

## Jobs We Share

Workers in ant colonies have a variety of different jobs. Many of these are similar to jobs people have. Look through the newspaper to find people that do the following ant colony jobs:

- childcare
- security
- communications
- armed forces
- earth movers
- engineers
- flood control

Standards Link: Life Skills: Students study different life choices and the skills required.

## Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

Your mission is to combat the Evil Power Master who has reportedly allied with the Ant People. Are your missing group members playing a prank, or have the Ant People taken them prisoner?

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library this summer! - Bert Bookworm

Use the code to discover facts about ants.

■ = 0	▲ = 5
● = 1	▼ = 6
◆ = 2	◀ = 7
▲ = 3	● = 8
▼ = 4	◆ = 9

Ants can dig tunnels as deep as  feet.

REST AREA

An ant can lift  times its own body weight.

NURSERY

FOOD STORAGE

QUEEN

Giant Australian Bull Ants can grow to be about  inch ( cm) long.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	Y	R	E	S	R	U	N	C	S
A	R	S	R	E	K	R	O	W	K
S	R	O	B	C	O	C	L	C	R
L	U	M	D	E	O	O	O	O	A
E	A	G	E	O	R	L	N	M	M
A	Y	R	N	D	D	O	W	P	D
V	E	S	V	U	L	N	T	O	N
E	S	T	C	A	F	Y	L	S	A
S	L	I	A	R	T	E	R	T	L

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY

### Planet of the Ants

According to the National Pest Management Association, the world harbors 12,000 species of ants. Look through the newspaper and find four or more numbers that add up to exactly 12,000.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 12,000.

## What do you call a 100 year-old ant?

ANSWER: Antique!

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