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BUG-A-PALOOZA

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Buzz Words

Meet My Family!

by Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

I come from a very large family. There are more than 120,000 species of flies in the world!

Flies of Fortune

In ancient Egypt, flies were symbols of bravery. Brave soldiers were given golden flies.

For many years, flies were seen as a sign of wealth and good fortune. The more livestock a person had, the more flies buzzing around.

How many flies can you find on today's page in 60 seconds? Have a friend try. Who found more?

Fly Eyes

Most of a housefly's head is covered by its eyes. Houseflies have **compound eyes**, which means that each eye is actually made up of 3,000 to 6,000 simple eyes.

Each simple eye has its own nerve and six-sided lens. When a housefly looks at an object, it doesn't see one smooth picture, but a mosaic made up of thousands of pieces of that picture.

FLY-O-VISION!

Compound eyes permit a fly to see in many directions at once. Each lens points in a slightly different direction, making it possible for a housefly to see above, below and to the sides, as well as to the front. That is why it is hard to sneak up on a housefly!

Wall Walkers

How does a housefly walk upside down on a ceiling and straight up slick glass windows?

At the end of a fly's foot are two tiny, sticky suction cups called **pulvilli** (pull –VIL-eye) and two claws. The claws help the housefly grab onto rough surfaces and the pulvilli allow the fly to stick to smooth surfaces.

Help this fly climb up the wall.

How Houseflies Sense the World

Do the math to find out which part of the housefly's body senses each of the following:

sight = 23 + 9
smell = 6 + 17
touch = 11 + 8
hear = 24 – 7
taste = 13 + 8

21 23 32 17 19

A housefly lives for about 21 days!

Liquid Diet

Houseflies have no teeth. Everything they eat must be liquefied. If a housefly wants to eat something solid, such as a sugar crystal, it must first dissolve the food with saliva. Then it can suck the liquid up its proboscis. The **proboscis** is a hollow tube that extends out of its mouth.

Houseflies eat all kinds of things—manure, garbage, human food and dead, decaying animals. That's why it's important to keep houseflies away from your food; they can leave behind germs.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve specific functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Extra! Extra!

Fly Hunt

Buzz through today's newspaper and find:

- three adjectives that describe houseflies
- something a housefly might eat
- numbers that add up to the number of days a housefly normally lives
- three things that can fly

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Together: MAKE-A-WORD

How many different words can you make using some of the letters in the word

HOUSEFLIES?

SCORE YOURSELF:

1 - 3 words = Grounded
4 - 7 words = Fine Flyer
8 - 11 words = Boss Buzzer
12 - 15 words = Wonder Wings
16 + words = Super Fly!

Kid Scoo-doku™

*Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **FLIES** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.*

	E			F
F	L	I	E	S
			I	
E		S		
	I		F	

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

This is the story about a lady who swallows a fly, spider, bird, cat, dog, goat, cow and horse. Do you think she lives?

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

– Bert Bookworm

I WOKN NA DOL YALD HOW DAWLOWSLE A LYF
by Rose Bonne

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read age-appropriate texts in a variety of genres.

Double Double Word Search

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

HOUSEFLY
COMPOUND
SUCTION
LENS
SIMPLE
EGYPT
PULVILLI
GOLDEN
TOUCH
MOSAIC
SIGN
EYES
SENSES
CUPS
DOWN

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

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

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
LENS

One meaning of the noun **lens** is the clear part of the eye that brings together the rays of light needed for sight.

Each housefly eye has thousands of **lenses**.

Try to use the word **LENS** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Compounded

Look through the newspaper for words that make up compound words. Cut these words out and glue them onto another piece of paper to make compound words. Can you make more than ten compound words?

Standards Link: Spelling: Students understand that compound words are composed of two separate words.

Why don't flies fly through screen doors?

ANSWER: They don't want to strain themselves.

Write On!

A Fly on the Wall

If you could be a fly on the wall, hearing and watching others without their knowing, where would you go and what would you like to watch?

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