

Insects: Why Are They Good?

If you have ever been stung by a bee, stabbed by a mosquito or had the leaves of your favorite tree eaten by a gypsy moth caterpillar, you've probably wondered...what good are insects? Although it is true that insects can cause damage, they can also be beneficial.

Using the list below, fill in the name of the insect that provides each benefit:

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| 1. clear wing moth | 4. Praying mantis |
| 2. lac scale | 5. Silkworm |
| 3. Honeybee | 6. Fruit fly |

Benefit:

Insect

Honey and wax

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Silk for cloth

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Pollinates flowers

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Genetic information

F ___ i ___ y

Used to make shellac

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Eats other insects

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Did You Know...

- Some insects like bees, blister beetles and even grasshoppers are used to treat human illnesses and disease.
- People in many other countries eat insects as a food. It is a great source of protein and calories!
- Many insects start their lives in the water and are an important food source for other aquatic organisms.
- Most adult insects have the parts shown here

