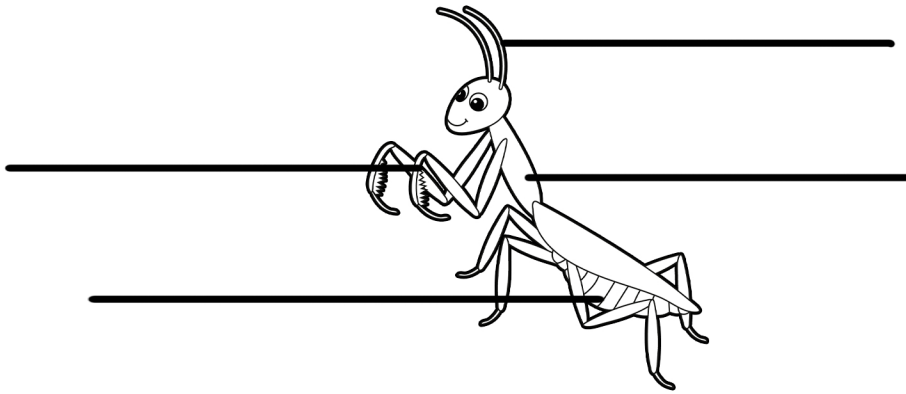


The Praying Mantis is a fascinating insect that looks a bit like an alien! It has a long body, big eyes, and front legs that fold as if it is praying—that's how it got its name. But it's not really praying; it's waiting for a snack to come by. When a bug like a fly or a mosquito gets close, the praying mantis snaps it up super fast with its front legs.

These insects have excellent eyesight, which helps them to spot their food from far away. They can even turn their heads around to see behind them, which is something most insects can't do. Praying mantises come in many colors, like green and brown, which helps them hide in plants and surprise their meals.

Praying mantises are also known for their unique dance. When they feel threatened or want to scare away predators, they stand tall, spread their arms, and sway from side to side. This dance makes them look bigger and scarier to other animals. So, the next time you see a praying mantis, remember it's a skilled hunter with some cool moves!



grasping legs thorax antennae abdomen

Word Bank:

praying
eyesight
predators
mosquito

What does a praying mantis look like?



What can a praying mantis do that many other insects cannot?

What do praying mantises eat?

insect



snaps



plants



dance

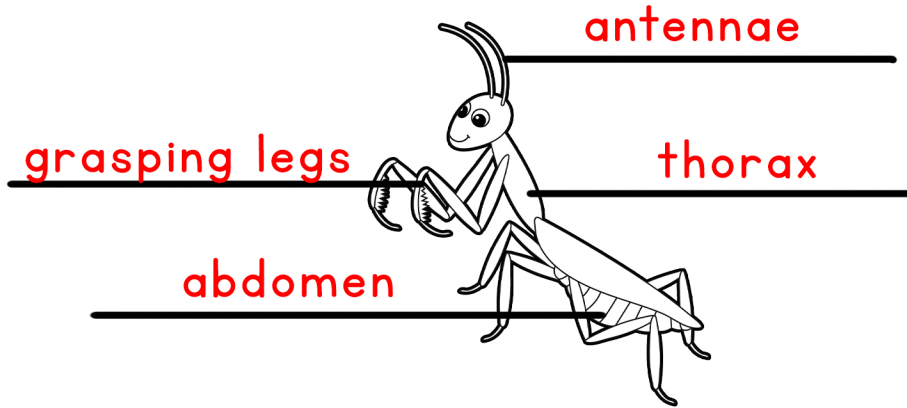


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Turn their heads around to see what is behind them.

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