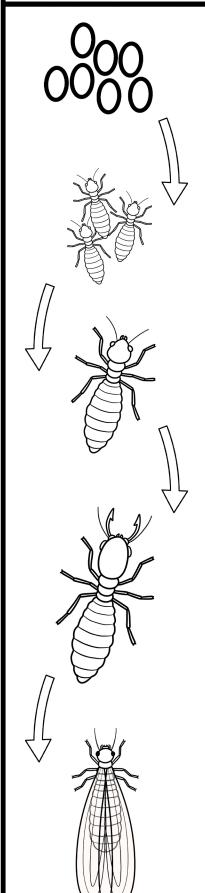


Termite Reading Passage

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Once upon a time, a termite queen lived in a cozy little spot in the ground. She was very special because she was the mother of all termites in her colony. The queen's main job was to lay eggs, and oh boy, did she lay a lot of them!

From these tiny, white eggs, baby termites called larvae hatched. These larvae were very hungry and needed to eat to grow. They ate lots of wood, which is their favorite snack. As they munched and crunched, they grew bigger and started to change. Some became workers who fixed the home and found food. Others turned into soldiers who protected their homes from danger. A few special ones grew up to be new kings and queens, ready to start their own colonies.

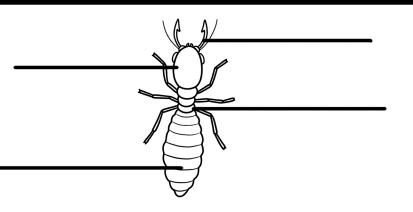
The termite life cycle is like a big, busy family working together. From the queen laying eggs to the larvae growing up into workers, soldiers, or new queens and kings, every termite has an important job to do.



Termite Comprehension Questions

Name:

Date:



Word Bank:

larvae wood soldiers colonies

thorax head

pincers abdomen

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Where are termite colonies located?

What is the queen termite's main job?

queen



munched



family



workers



I. After being in the egg stage comes the larvae stage. false true

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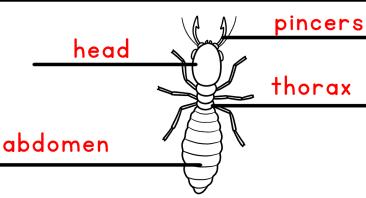
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