



Miss Panda's Books

# Ants



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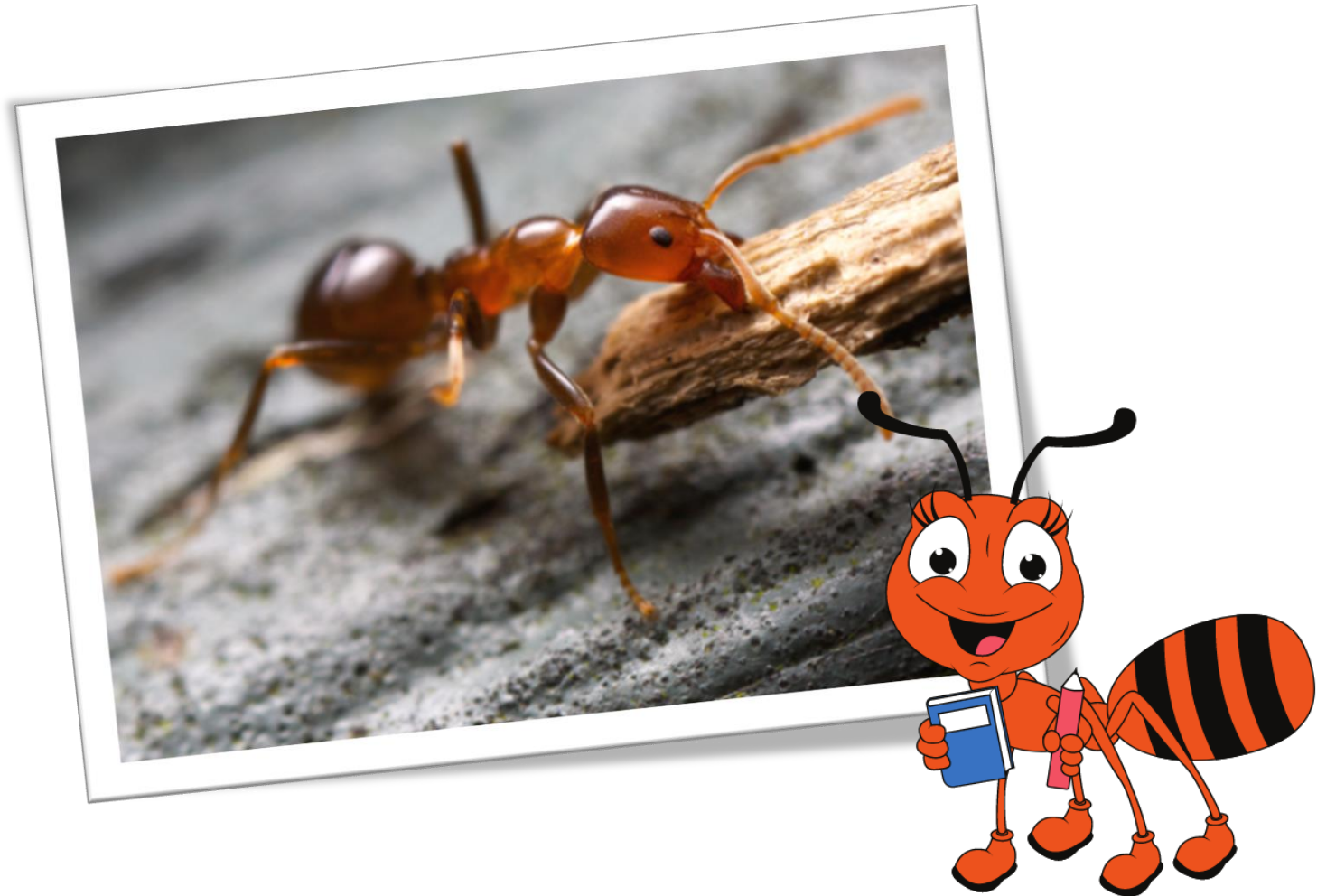


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Miss Panda's Books Series helps children learn about plants, animals, and how to care for them. We teach the basic traditional knowledge of being self-sufficient by growing your own food and making healthy choices. Each book in every set will educate your child on a subject related to the set topic, and you can find a fun craft idea on the last page. We hope these books will bring your children wisdom and joy!

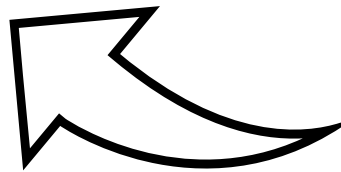
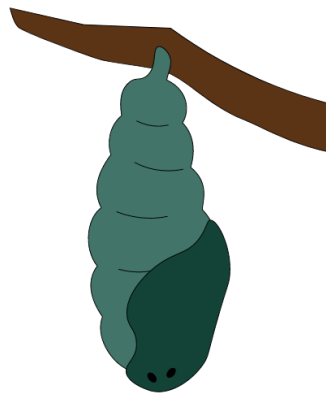
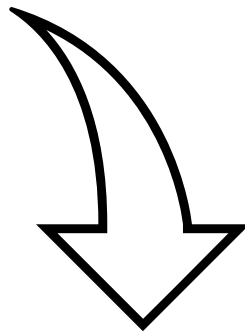
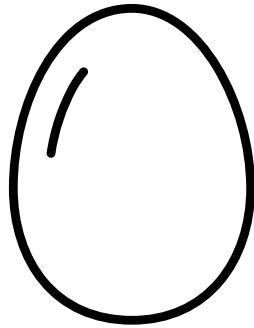
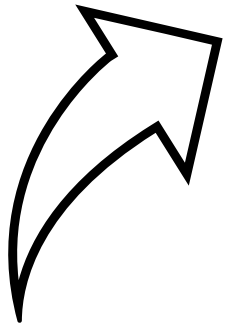
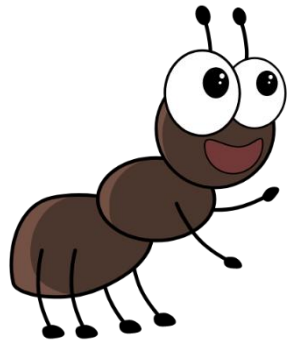


Ants have been around longer than dinosaurs.



There are 22,000 types of ants, many of them living in the rainforest.

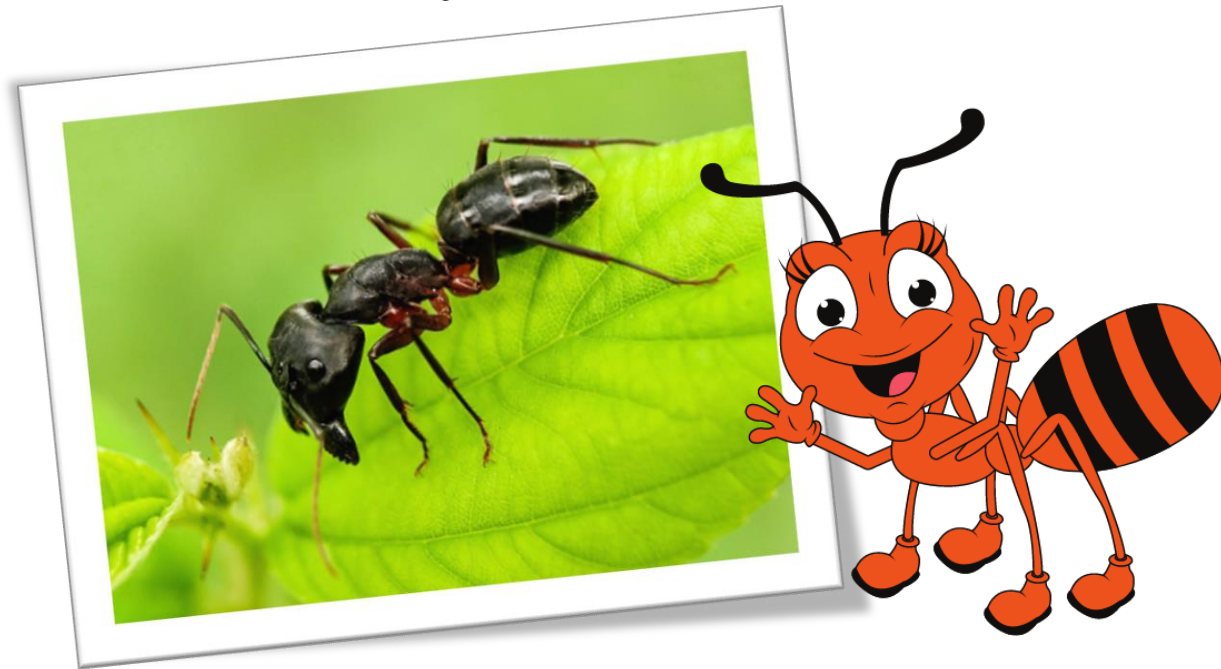




Ants go through three  
lifecycle stages:

- 1) Larva (egg)
- 2) Pupa (cocoon)
- 3) Adult Ant

Ants have five main body parts: antennae, head, thorax, abdomen, and six legs. They have two stomachs in their abdomen. Their antennae help them smell, touch, taste, and hear. Ants talk to each other by touching their antennae together.



Can you talk to your friend by touching antennae (hands)?



Like us, ants are omnivores. That means they eat plants and meat. They also like nectar from flowers, which is how they pollinate.



Ants can lift 20 to 100 times their own body weight. This would be like you lifting a car!



Have you ever seen or stepped on an ant hill? Under that hill are tunnels where many ants live. This is called a colony.





# Ant Craft



## Supplies:

- Mini clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Googly eyes
- Glue

## Directions:

1. Cut the pipe cleaner into three equal parts.
2. Twist each piece around the clothespin, starting in the middle. Make sure the two ends on each piece are on the same side of the clothespin. Leave room on one end for the face.
3. Now that you have your six legs, glue two googly eyes to the end with the most space. This will be your ant's face.
4. Now your ant can wiggle and crawl around!