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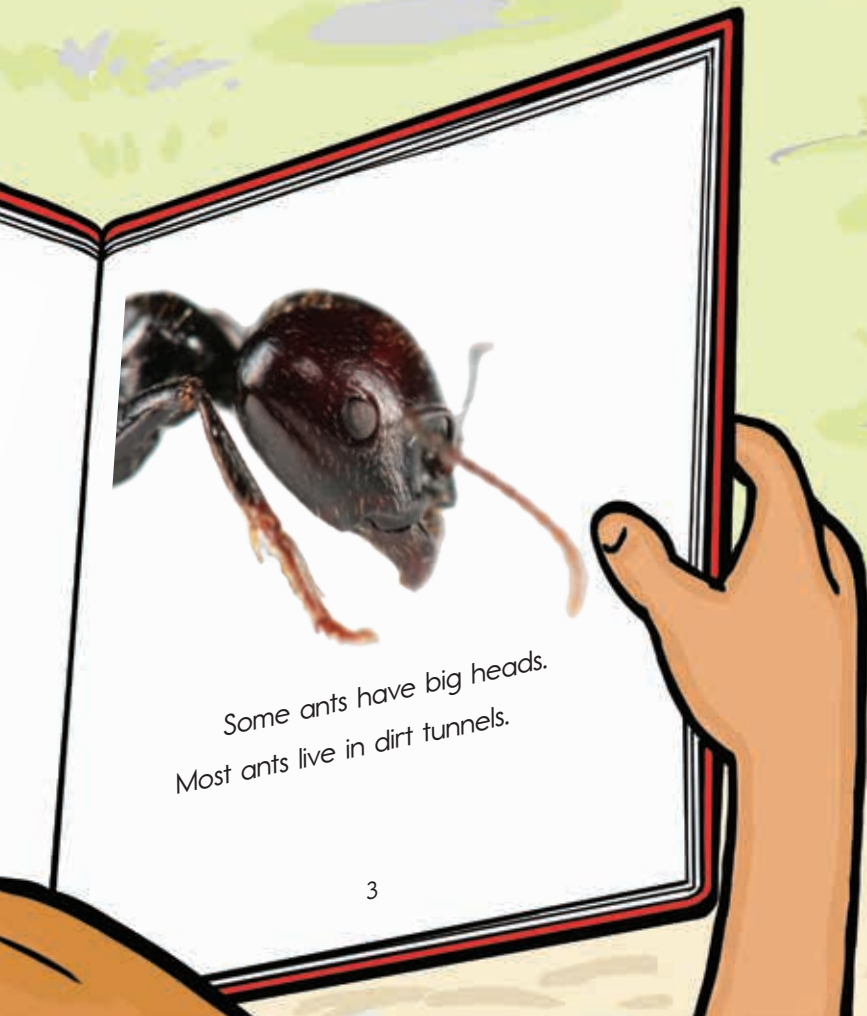
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After school, Dexter read a book on insects. He likes to read about bugs.



Dexter read that an insect is a bug with six legs. An insect has three parts. It has a head and two back parts.



Dexter read about ants. Some ants have big heads. Most ants live in dirt tunnels.



Worker ants get food for the queen. They work to make tunnels, too.



Ants upset some people.
Ants can be pests when they
come into people's kitchens.



Ants help, too. As they make tunnels, they mix up the dirt. This is good for plants.



After reading about ants, Dexter read about moths. Moths are insects that fly.



Moths can be good food for
bats and birds.



Moths help plants, too. Pollen sticks to them. The moths fly to other plants with the pollen. Plants use pollen to make seeds.





After reading about moths,
Dexter read about wasps. Wasps are
not like moths. Many wasps do not
take pollen from plant to plant.



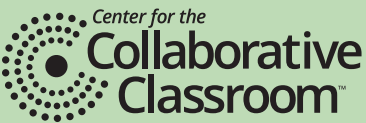
Wasps have two sets of wings. You can find some wasps in nests. Many, many wasps are in one nest.



Wasps upset some people, but most wasps do not sting. Wasps can help people by killing pest insects.



After reading about insects, Dexter thinks that he likes them. They do many things to help people. He wants to find out more about them.



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