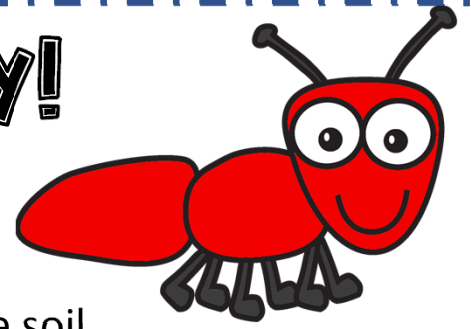


# Ants are Busy!



Ants are tiny insects. They live in the ground. Ants have very busy lives! Ants make their homes in the soil.

Their home is called an ant hill and it has many rooms. Some of the rooms are for the baby ants and some of the rooms are to store their food. Most ants are worker ants. They collect the food. They carry seeds and leaves. Teamwork helps them. The queen ant is special. She lays eggs and the baby ants hatch from these eggs. The queen is like a boss of the ants. Some ants guard the hill. They have strong jaws and will protect the hill. They are called the soldier ants. Ants leave trails. When they find food, they follow the smell back home. Other ants follow the trail too. Ants work all day! They build tunnels. They find food. They care for their babies. Ants never stop! Remember, ants may be small, but they work very hard and are busy all day!

1. Read the passage about 'Ants are Busy!'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What is the ant home called?**
  - a. the ant hill
  - b. the dirt hill
  - c. the soil hill
  
- 2. What are the many rooms used for?**
  - a. store food and for baby ants
  - b. sleeping and working
  - c. sleeping and playing
  
- 3. Most ants are:**
  - a. queen ants
  - b. soldier ants
  - c. worker ants
  
- 4. Which type of ant is like a boss?**
  - a. soldier
  - b. worker
  - c. queen
  
- 5. Which ant lays eggs?**
  - a. soldier
  - b. worker
  - c. queen

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
  2. *Making Connections*
  3. *Summarizing*
  4. *Visualizing*
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1. Why do you think ants work together as a team?
  2. If you were an ant, would you want to be the queen, the soldier or the worker? why?
  3. Explain what the jobs are for the workers, soldiers and the queen ants.
  4. Describe how you think the ant tunnels look.
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- What challenges might ants have when they build tunnels?
  - Draw an ant tunnel with ants.
  - Could this story be real? Why or why not.
  - What can we learn about team work from the ants?
  - What are the food scent trails used for by the ants?
  - Why do you think ants live underground?