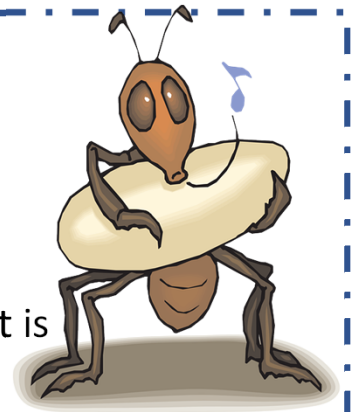



Pete the Ant



Hi, I'm am Pete the ant! Let me tell you about my life. 

My home is made of sand and soil and is under the ground. It is called an ant hill. I dig tunnels with my tiny legs. Some tunnels are for storing the food I collect, and other tunnels and rooms are for the baby ants. I work as part of a team. My friends always work together. I'm a called a worker ant. I find food for all the ants. Seeds, leaves, and crumbs are what I collect. I carry them back to the hill. Teamwork is what makes us strong! Deep inside the ant hill lives our queen. She's special and she is our boss. She lays eggs and the baby ants hatch from these eggs. The queen is like our leader. Some of my other friend are solder ants and they guard our home, the ant hill. They have big heads and strong jaws. If danger comes, they protect us. They are like our heroes! When I find food, I leave a scent trail. This is so that the other ants follow it and find their way home. We are like detectives, sniffing our way to food and our home! I do not get very much rest because I am always working. We might be small but because we work hard as a team and have lots of fun.

1. Read the passage about 'Pete the Ant'
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.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. What type of ant is Pete?

- a. soldier
- b. queen
- c. worker

2. How do ants find their way to food and to their home?

- a. scent trails
- b. following other ants
- c. through tunnels

3. What do soldier ants guard?

- a. food
- b. tunnels
- c. ant hill

4. What is the main job of the queen ant?

- a. find food
- b. guard the home
- c. lay eggs

5. Which ants are like heroes?

- 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*

1. Why do you think ants can survive under the ground?
2. Could you live under the ground like an ant? Why or why not?
3. How would this reading passage be different if Pete was a soldier ant?
4. Write a description of Pete for somebody who has never seen an ant.

- What might an enemy of Pete's be?
- Design an ant hill.
- Could this story be real? Why or why not.
- Why is it important for ants to work as a team?
- What would happen if there wasn't a queen ant?
- What would happen if there were no soldier ants?
- Which type of ant do you think works the hardest and why?