

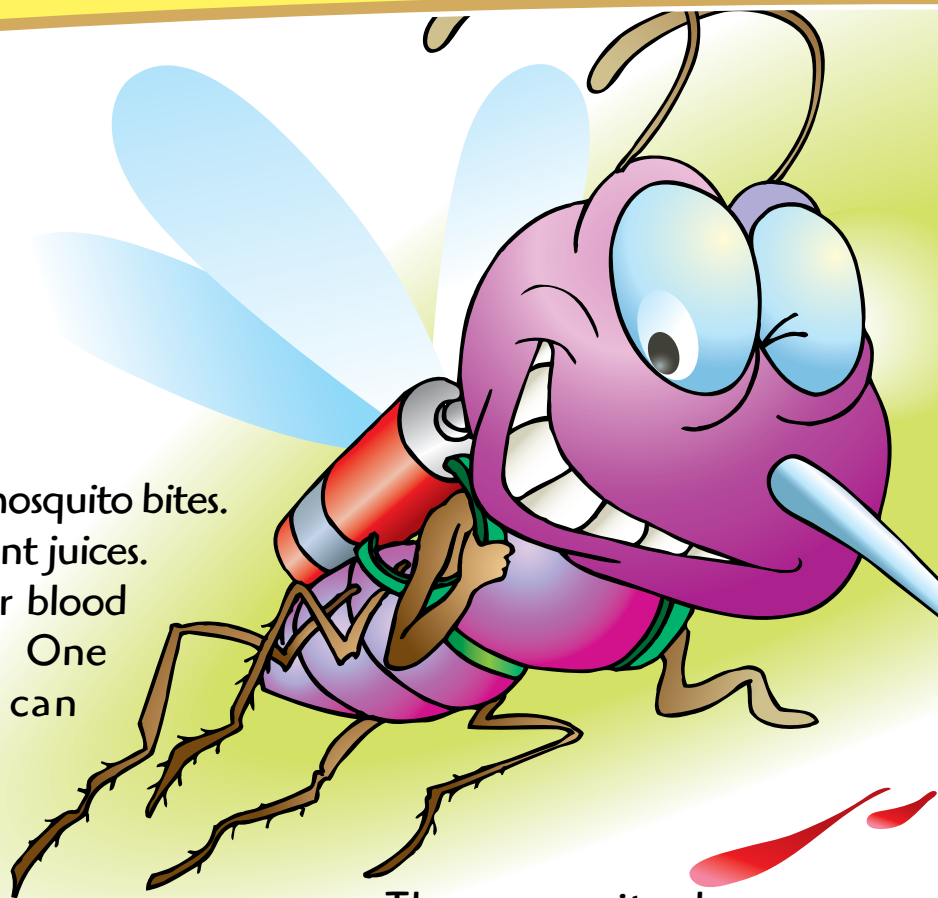
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Most people would agree that summer's biggest pest is the mosquito. This pesky little insect can quickly ruin a walk in the woods or a holiday at a cottage.

Actually, only the female mosquito bites. The male mosquito feeds on plant juices. The female mosquito drinks our blood to get protein to make eggs. One bite into your arm or leg can help the female mosquito produce 50 to 100 eggs.



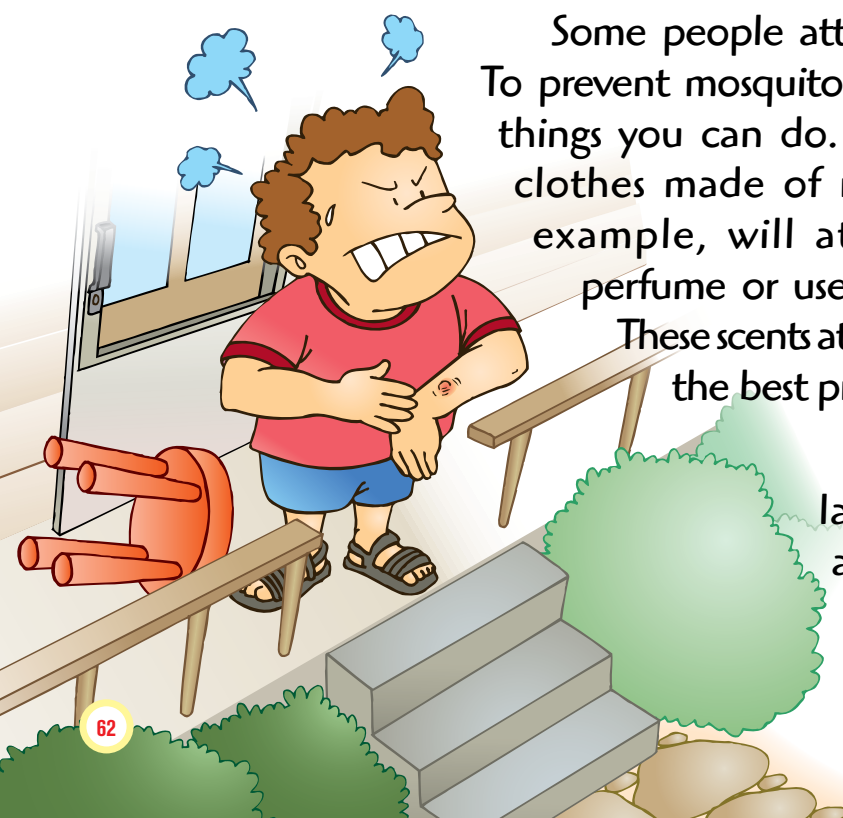
The Biggest Pest of the Summer

to stop the blood from clotting. Then, it is easier for the mosquito to fill up on your blood. The saliva causes your skin to itch and swell up.

The mosquito has a pointed beak that sticks into your skin. Once your skin is pierced, the mosquito spits saliva into the wound

Some people attract mosquitoes more than others. To prevent mosquitoes from biting you, there are some things you can do. Avoid wearing dark colours and clothes made of rough materials. Blue jeans, for example, will attract mosquitoes. Don't wear perfume or use other products with strong scents. These scents attract these annoying insects. Probably the best prevention is a good insect repellent.

Mosquitoes are very sneaky. They land without a sound and weigh almost nothing. You usually notice them only after they have already enjoyed a meal of your blood.





Checking Facts

A. Write "T" for true statements and "F" for false ones.

1. Only the male mosquito bites people. _____
2. The mosquito spits saliva into the wound when it bites. _____
3. The saliva in the wound stops blood from clotting. _____
4. There is seldom an itch after a bite. _____
5. The mosquito's saliva can stop bleeding. _____
6. All people attract mosquitoes equally. _____
7. Light-coloured clothes attract mosquitoes. _____
8. Blue jeans attract mosquitoes. _____
9. Mosquitoes do not like perfume. _____
10. Mosquitoes are noisy. _____
11. Mosquitoes are very light. _____
12. One female mosquito can produce 50 to 100 eggs. _____



Using Information

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Imagine you are at a cottage in the middle of the mosquito season. What would you do to protect yourself?

2. Explain how the mosquito sucks blood.



Building Sentences with Adjectives and Adverbs

- Remember that an **adjective** describes a noun and an **adverb** describes a verb. We use adjectives and adverbs to give more information and make sentences more interesting.

C. Rewrite the following sentences with the adjectives and adverbs provided. Add both words to each sentence.

1. The boy ran. (happy, quickly)

2. The wind blew. (howling, furiously)

3. The students sang the songs. (talented, loudly)

4. The game was finished. (exciting, early)

5. John, the boy in the class, was late. (tallest, again)

D. Add your own descriptive words to the story below.

The 1. girl received a 2. bicycle for her birthday. She was very 3. to get such a 4. gift. She rode 5. down the road toward the 6. house of her 7. friend, Sarah. It was a very 8. day for her.



Antonyms

- An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word.

E. Solve the antonym word puzzles. Unscramble the antonyms and write the answers in the boxes.

1. m e n y e	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	friend
2. l a y p	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	work
3. e f a s	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	dangerous
4. d r a h	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	soft
5. m a c l	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	windy
6. u n i r	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	repair
7. p m e y t	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	crowded
8. k e a w	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	strong

F. Circle the antonym for each word from the choices.

1. beautiful	ugly	happy	careful	pretty
2. funny	joking	comical	serious	laughing
3. unusual	regular	peculiar	odd	strange
4. exciting	interesting	dull	fun	scary
5. tame	soft	gentle	wild	rare