

INSECT & SPIDER INVESTIGATION



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Directions:

Search until you find a bug-like critter. If you cannot find a "bug", look for signs of a bug - a home, a hole, a web, or something else that indicates that a bug was here. Use your magnifier to look at your critter or signs of a critter up close.

Draw a picture of the location where you found your bug.

Write a description of the location. Use very specific, descriptive words.



How many legs does the critter have?

How many main body parts does it have?

Does it have wings?

Is it an insect?

Is it a spider?





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Draw or write your answers in the space below:

What observations can you make about what your critter is doing? Is it looking for food? Is it building a shelter? Is it doing something else? What is it doing?

What do you think your critter eats? (Think about any mouthparts you may have seen)

Do you think there is anything that eats your critter? (Is it food for something else?) If so, what do you think might eat it?

Do you see your critter's home? If so, draw a picture of it or describe it. If you don't see the critter's home, make a guess (a scientific hypothesis) about where it might live.

What was the most interesting thing you noticed today?