

SCIENCE · KS1–Y3

# Bug Hunt & Minibeasts

Field identification guide

## Common minibeasts to find

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**Ant**

Six legs, three body segments (head, thorax, abdomen), antennae. Usually found under stones or in soil.

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**Woodlouse**

14 legs, oval grey body, rolls up when disturbed. Found under logs and in damp places.

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**Earthworm**

No legs, long segmented body, pink-brown. Found in soil. Vital for soil health.

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**Snail**

Soft body with spiral shell on its back. Leaves a slime trail. Comes out in wet weather.

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**Centipede**

Many legs (one pair per segment), fast-moving. Predator. Found under logs.

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**Spider**

8 legs, 2 body parts. NOT an insect. Makes webs to catch prey.

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**Beetle**

6 legs, 3 body parts, hard wing cases (elytra). Many species in UK.

