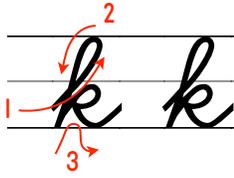


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Part A: Write the letters.



kk

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lk

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Part B: Read the words.

an-noy-ing

dis-car-ded

in-fec-ted

lo-ca-tions

pol-lin-a-tors

dangerous

threat

diseases

conditions

transporting

Part C: Read about ants. Then answer the questions on a sheet of paper.

Ants can be annoying when we are at a picnic, and they crawl on our food or sting us. But ants can be helpful to us in ways we don't always see. Ants will eat almost anything, even discarded food that could rot and become infected with dangerous diseases. A colony of ants can devour a piece of fruit in one day. Many species of ants will attempt to eat or kill things that get in their way or that they see as a threat. Ants will eat other animals or insects if they get in the ants' way. Have you ever seen an ant carrying a dead insect back to its home?

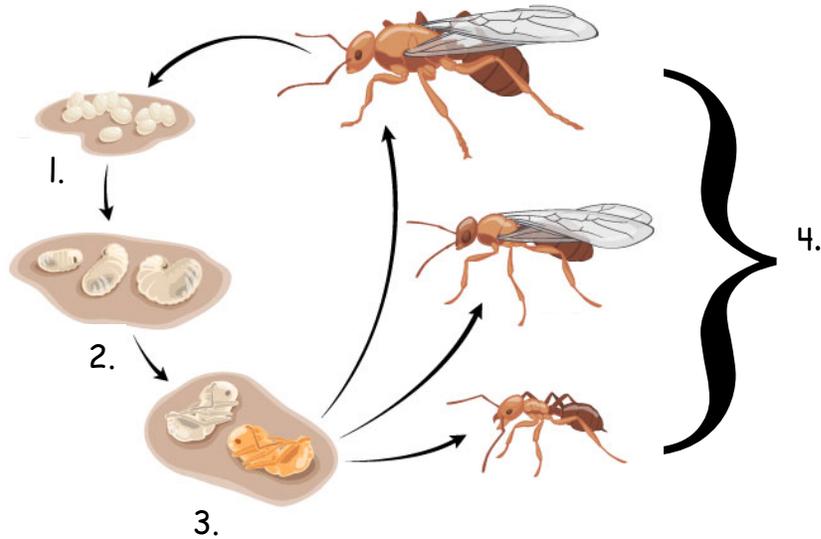


As ants begin to develop their colony and construct their network of tunnels, they move and separate the soil. This lets oxygen into the soil and to the roots of plants.

Sometimes ants help plants by transporting their seeds to new locations. While looking for food, an ant may pick up a seed from a plant and carry that seed back to its nest. Or it may drop the seed along the way. The seed will wait until the conditions are right for growth. Ants can also act as pollinators and spread pollen for flowers and other plants.

1. How are ants annoying?
2. How are ants helpful?
3. Would you classify an ant as a predator? Why or why not?

Part D: Write the four stages of an ant's life cycle.



Stage 1: _____

Stage 2: _____

Stage 3: _____

Stage 4: _____

Part E: Read the sentences.

1. Kate has a large ant farm in her family room.
2. Kate's large ant farm is in her family room.
3. The anthill that belongs to the ants was washed away in the storm.
4. The ants' anthill was washed away in the storm.

Part F: Read each sentence. Then rewrite it using a possessive noun.

5. Stephanie has an apron around her neck.

6. James has an appointment at noon.

7. The cushion on the couch is missing.

8. Write a sentence using a possessive noun.
