

Fascinating Social Insects

We are going to talk about the most amazing insects in the world and these little creatures might be small but they are super strong and very smart. Let's learn more about them.

Where do ants live?

Ants can be found everywhere on earth. They live in ant colonies which are like tiny cities. Their homes can be underground, inside the trees or even in your backyard! These colonies have tunnels that help them stay safe and cool. Some ants, like carpenter ants, live inside wood while others, like fire ants, build big mounds of dirt above the ground.

What do ants eat?

Ants are not picky eaters. They love sugary foods like fruit and honey. Some ants eat seeds, plants and even other small insects. Have you ever seen ants carrying crumbs from your picnic? That's because they work together to bring food back to their colony to share it with everyone.

How do ants act?

Ants are hardworking and love teamwork. In every colony, there are three main types of ants:

- **Queen Ant:** She lays eggs to make more ants.
- **Worker ants:** They do all the jobs like building the nest, finding food and taking care of the babies.
- **Soldier ants:** They protect the colony from danger.

When ants move in a line, they are following a special smell called a **pheromone trail** to find their way to food. Isn't that clever?

Interesting facts about ants

- Ants can carry things that are 50 times heavier than their own body weight!
- Ants don't have ears. Instead, they listen by feeling vibration through their feet.
- There are over 12,000 species of ants in the world.
- Ants have two stomachs - one for themselves and one to share with their friends.