

a virus mutates/evolves/replicates (itself)

be infected with/contaminated with/exposed to a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria

contain/carry/harbour (especially US) harbor bacteria/a virus

kill/destroy/eliminate harmful/deadly bacteria

Example Bank:

- An insect was buzzing around the room.
- Birds control insect pests.
- Gardeners welcome birds as they control insect pests.
- Insects had bored deep into the wood.
- Social insects, such as ants, live in large colonies.
- The wood should be treated against insect attack.
- Unfortunately, pesticides kill off beneficial insects as well as harmful ones.
- Wasps are the master builders of the insect world.

insect

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insect W3 /'Insekt/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: insectum, from insectare 'to cut into', because insects have a body in separate parts]

a small creature such as a fly or ant, that has six legs, and sometimes wings:

- " an insect bite
- " flying insects
- " Don't forget to bring insect repellent (=a chemical to keep insects away).

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COLLOCATIONS

adjectives

- **small** The bird's natural diet mainly consists of small insects.
- **tiny** (=very small) The air was filled with thousands of tiny insects.
- **a flying insect** Toads mainly eat small dark flying insects.
- **a winged insect** *literary*: Swallows swooped to snatch winged insects from the sky.

verbs

- **an insect flies** Insects were flying around the food on the counter.
- **an insect crawls** (=moves along the ground) A tiny insect was crawling up his arm.
- **an insect buzzes** (=makes a continuous sound) Insects were buzzing around our heads as we walked through the forest.

insect + NOUN

- **an insect bite** He was worried about a large red insect bite on his back.
- **an insect sting** (=a hole in your skin made by an insect) This cream is good for treating insect stings.
- **insect repellent** (=a chemical to keep insects away) If you go camping, you should take some insect repellent.
- **an insect species** Large numbers of insect species are becoming extinct.
- **insect eggs** The leaves were covered in insect eggs.
- **insect larvae** (=young insects with soft bodies and no wings) Fish love food such as worms and insect larvae.

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THESAURUS

- **insect** a small creature such as a fly or ant, that has six legs, and sometimes wings: Head lice are tiny insects that live in the hair.
- **bug** a small insect: What are those little bugs in my roses?
- **creepy-crawly** *informal* an insect, especially one that you are frightened of: The mattress was covered in creepy-crawlies.
- **aphid** *technical* a small insect that lives on the juice of plants and destroys them: The leaves have been attacked by aphids.

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