

Eight Legs or Six Vocabulary



Abdomen The hind body segment of insects and arachnids.

Adaptation A behavior or characteristic that helps an animal or plant survive in its

environment.

Antenna One of a pair of movable, jointed sense organs on the head of an insect

("feelers").

Arachnid An arthropod that has eight legs, one to three body segments (depending on

type of animal), and breathes with tubes or lung-like sacs.

Arthropod An invertebrate animal with an exoskeleton, jointed legs, and segmented

body.

Cephalothorax The first body segment of an arachnid.

Entomologist A person who studies insects

Exoskeleton The hard outer supporting structure of certain animals.

Habitat The place where a plant or animal lives that has food, water, shelter and

space

Head The front body segment of an insect that includes the eyes and mouth.

Insect An arthropod that has six legs and three body segments. Adults usually have

two pair of wings.

Invertebrate An animal without a backbone.

Metamorphosis Process in which there is a change in form during development.

Pollinate The transfer of pollen from one flower to another flower, enabling the

growth of new plants.

Thorax The middle body segment of an insect.