

Please Don't Call Me A Bug



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Please don't call me a bug
There's a lot more to the story
Won't you please take the time
To see what we really are

There are so many kinds
Of small crawling creatures
Take a closer look
You won't have to go far

Just take a little walk outside
Look down to the ground
And up to the sky
Open up your eyes and you will find
Little animals with legs and exoskeletons

What are they all really called?

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They are Arthropods (*Arthropods!*)

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ARTHROPOD ROLL CALL

If an arthropod has **6 legs, 3 body segments** and **antennae**, it's an **INSECT**

Talking about ants, beetles, flies, moths, butterflies, bees, grasshoppers and more!

If an arthropod has **8 legs**, it's an **ARACHNID**

Talking about spiders, scorpions, ticks, and mites!

If an arthropod has **10 legs and breathes with gills**, it's a **CRUSTACEAN**

Talking about crayfish, crabs, lobsters, shrimp, and pillbugs!

If an arthropod has **long antennae** and **lots of legs** attached to the **side of its body**, it's a **CENTIPEDE**

If an arthropod **moves slowly**, curls into a **spiral** when it's afraid, and has **LOTS of legs** attached to the **underside of its body**, it's a **MILLIPEDE**