

Ladybird

Read the text and answer the questions



There are more than 50 different species of Ladybird beetle in Norway. They are red and have spots on their wing covers. Most of the Ladybird beetles are predators. They eat aphids. Many people think Ladybirds bring luck.

1. What do ladybirds eat?



Some of the ladybirds in Norway have two spots, some have five or seven spots, and even fourteen spots. A lot of people used to believe the spots told how old the ladybird, but that is not true.

2. How many different species of ladybirds are there in Norway?



Snail

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There are more than 500 different species of snails in Norway. Some of them live on land and some of them live in the water.

Many snails have shells. The shell protects the snails against predators.

1. Why do snails have shells?



Most of the snails lay eggs. The snails get their shells when they are in the eggs. The shell grows with the snail and get bigger when the snail grows.

Most species of snails live in saltwater. There are also snails without shell.

2. True or false: Snails lay eggs?
3. True or false: Some snails don't have shells?
4. True or false: Most of the snail species live in saltwater?



Bee

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Norway has about 180 different species of bees. Honeybee makes honey and is found all over the world. Bees can sting. It is painful, but usually not dangerous.

1. Ponder: Bees are useful to us humans. Why?



Bees collect pollen from flowers. Some species have their own favorite flowers to collect pollen from. Bees communicate by doing dance-moves for each other. They can tell where they are going and for how long they are traveling by doing their dance.

2. What do bees collect from flowers?
3. How do bees communicate?



Butterfly

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Norway has more than 2000 species of butterflies. A butterfly starts its life as a caterpillar. After some time living as a caterpillar they pupate. Finally they sprout wings and become adult butterflies.

1. Fact or fiction: Butterflies are born with their wings?



Butterflies are usually active in daylight, while moths are active at nighttime. Butterfly species vary in size. Some are only 2cm and some are as large as 30 cm. There are over 150 000 known species of butterflies in the world.

2. How many different species of butterflies are there in Norway?



Ants

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Ants are six-legged insects living in large colonies. Each ant colony has at least one egg-laying queen, and can consist of millions of ants. Norway has more than 60 different species of ants.

1. How many legs does an ant have?
2. What do we call the houses ants build?



Ants in colonies have different tasks. Some are builders, some are babysitters for the larvae. Some ants can even be soldiers, mushroom-farmers or domesticate aphids. An ant can carry up to 50 times its own weight. Imagine if you could lift 50 children at once!

3. How many different species of ants are there in Norway?
4. What do we call the ant that lays eggs?



Bumblebee

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Bumblebees are tiny, winged insects with bodies covered in small hairs. When a bumblebee flies from flower to flower they carry pollen. Bumblebees are very important for pollinating flowers. Bumblebees live in nests. They can sting multiple times. Being stung is painful, but not dangerous.

1. What do we call the houses bumblebees build?



Bumblebees hibernate during the winter, and they don't wake up until March. A bumblebee-queen creates nests in old mouse-nests or bird boxes. She lays eggs that hatch into new workers that can work all summer.

2. What do bumblebees do during the winter?
3. Where do bumblebees create their nests?



Fly

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There are multiple different species of flies. Some examples are houseflies, the common fruit fly and blow flies. Some species are predatory, eating other insects, and some are herbivores.

Some flies can spread disease. Flies lays eggs that turn into larvae, before becoming full-grown flies.

1. Name two species of flies.
2. Fact or fiction: All flies are predators?

