

POLLINATORS

Lesson Plan

Featured Flies

Lesson Plan for *Flies*

Grade 3

Objective

To help students practice finding information in sidebars, photo captions, and other text features.

Things Needed

- Several copies of the *Flies* book
- Featured Flies worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Featured Flies worksheet for each student. Then read *Flies* out loud as a class.

Activity

After reading the *Flies* book, pass out the worksheets. Explain that the book contains a lot of fascinating and unique facts about flies in sidebars, fact boxes, and photo captions. These features are not part of the main text. But they still have interesting details. Students should use these features to fill in the blanks on the worksheet.

Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer, for up to 10 points total.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 3 (RI 3.5).



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1. A fly can look in nearly _____ at the same time.
2. The _____ of one fly species can stretch up to three times the length of its body.
3. Some fly larvae live and grow inside _____.
4. _____ can survive in some of the most extreme environments on Earth.
5. Flies are attracted to some flowers that smell like _____.
6. Certain flower fly larvae eat pests known as _____.
7. Certain types of mosquitoes can give people _____.
8. Flies were some of the first pollinators of flowers, even before _____.
9. Nearly all cocoa trees are pollinated by tiny flies known as _____.
10. Some flies have adapted to look like _____.



Featured Flies Answer Key

1. A fly can look in nearly **every direction** at the same time.
2. The **proboscis** of one fly species can stretch up to three times the length of its body.
3. Some fly larvae live and grow inside **living animals**.
4. **Midge flies** can survive in some of the most extreme environments on Earth.
5. Flies are attracted to some flowers that smell like **rotten meat**.
6. Certain flower fly larvae eat pests known as **aphids**.
7. Certain types of mosquitoes can give people **malaria**.
8. Flies were some of the first pollinators of flowers, even before **bees**.
9. Nearly all cocoa trees are pollinated by tiny flies known as **midges**.
10. Some flies have adapted to look like **bees**.

