**Insects**

We know over a million insects living worldwide. In our immediate surroundings, we have flies, mosquitoes, butterflies, ladybugs, ants, bees, wasps, and hornets.

Insects are primarily terrestrial animals. Only a fraction of the insect population inhabits aquatic environments. Insects belong to the class of arthropods.

The body of insects is protected by a chitinous exoskeleton, which is simultaneously rigid and flexible. Other common features of their anatomy include:

* Body divided into three parts: head, thorax, and abdomen,
* One pair of antennae,
* Presence of three pairs of legs, enabling movement.

Most insects have wings. They utilize their ability to fly to escape from predators or to search for food.