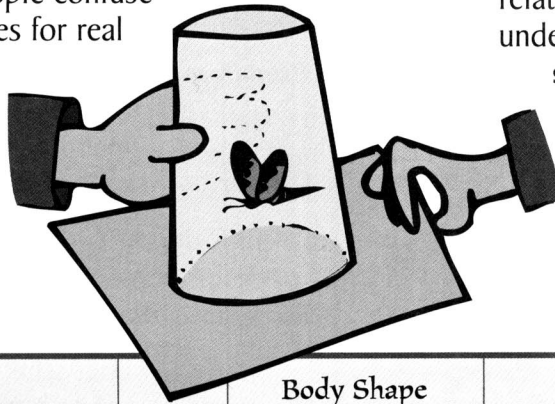


Ants and Uncles

- Activity:** Collect and compare insects with their relatives.
- Life Skill:** Making decisions by comparing
- Entomology Skill:** Recognizing differences among anthropoids
- Success Indicator:** Identifies insect differences
- Supplies Needed:** Clear plastic cup, stiff cardboard, container with holes in the lid



One way to make decisions is to compare one choice against another. You compare movies, food, magazines and other items. You even compare people when you decide to choose a certain friend. Do you have brothers and sisters? Maybe you have aunts and uncles, or nieces and nephews. These people are relatives. Insects like people, have relatives. Many people confuse these insect relatives for real insects. In this activity you will compare insects with their relatives.



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With a friend, look under rocks, leaves, boards and other debris for insects and their relatives. To safely collect some of the fast running ground dwellers, use a clear plastic cup and a sheet of stiff cardboard. Turn the cup over and place it over the insect or relative. Next, carefully slide the cardboard under the cup taking care not to injure the **specimen**. Put the specimen into another container with a lid that has small holes so that the specimen can breathe.



Specimen Number	Pairs of Legs	Antennae	Wings	Body Shape (sketch) Round, Oval, Long	Common Name	Other Distinguishing Characteristics

Incredible Insects Fleas can jump 200 times their body length, which would be like a human jumping over a 70 story building.

