

Lesson 10  
READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

## Insects

**It is customary to hate insects. But contrary to what most people think, insects are more than creepy pests. Insects are a necessary and important part of life on earth.**

**They pollinate the blossoms of the plants and trees. If this didn't happen, apples would not grow. We'd have trouble stocking a pantry with vegetables. We wouldn't have the basic grains we need, like rice and corn.**

**Insects help things decay, which enriches the earth. They can also have a monetary impact. Honey, silk, and some human as well as veterinary medicines are insect products.**

**Many fish and birds survive by catching insects. Other animals survive by catching fish and birds. Some insects are predatory and snack on other insects.**

**So before you squish and squash them, think about the impact insects have on our lives.**