



After observing your bessbugs, read these facts out loud to your class. Then observe the bessbugs again; point out these details.

1. Bessbugs are **beetles**.
2. Bessbugs make squeaking and clicking sounds by rubbing their wings against their **abdomen**.
3. The bessbug is also called bess beetle, patent leather beetle, Betsy beetle, Peg beetle and **horned** passalus.
4. Bessbugs like to eat **rotting wood**.
5. Bessbugs are found primarily in the **eastern** part of the United States.
6. Bessbugs lay their **eggs** within rotting tree stumps or other decayed wood.
7. Male bessbugs take care of newly hatched **larvae** by feeding them bits of chewed-up wood.
8. It can take a full year for a bessbug to complete its **life cycle** from egg to adult beetle.
9. Bessbugs are very social. They like to live in big groups, called **colonies**.
10. *Odontotaenius disjunctus* is the **scientific** name for the bessbug beetle.



*After observing your ants, fill in the blank with an answer.
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