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Mini Beasts Worksheet

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SECTION 1

What is a mini beast?

Circle which is the correct meaning of a mini beast.

1. A mini beast is a large animal like a cat or dog.
2. A mini beast is a small animal that doesn't have an internal skeleton like a spider or insect.
3. A mini beast is a small animal that has a internal skeleton

SECTION 2

What is a habitat?

Trace over the missing words to finish the meaning of the word "habitat".

Definition: A *habitat* is the home of an *animal* or a *plant*. Almost every *place* on Earth from the hottest *desert* to the coldest *ice* pack is a habitat for some kinds of animals and *plants*. Most habitats include a *community* of animals and plants along with water, *oxygen*, soil, sand, and *rocks*.

SECTION 3

That's my home!

Mini beasts like to live in our backyards, gardens and parks.

Find out where the following mini beasts like to live and place a tick in the right box.



Animal	Under stones & rocks	Long grass	Rotting logs	Leaf litter	Soil	On plants and trees
Snail						
Caterpillar						
Mealworm						
Slug						
Moth						
Butterfly						
Stick insect						
Cricket						
Beetle						

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Humans live in different homes, places and countries all over the world.

Draw a picture of what your home looks like in the box below:



I live in _____. I live in a _____.

SECTION 4

Don't eat me!

Many mini beasts are a form of food source for other animals like frogs and birds.

So many mini beasts use camouflage as a way to hide and protect themselves from being eaten.

There are 5 mini beasts hiding in the picture below. Can you spot them all?

Place a circle around the insects once you have found them.



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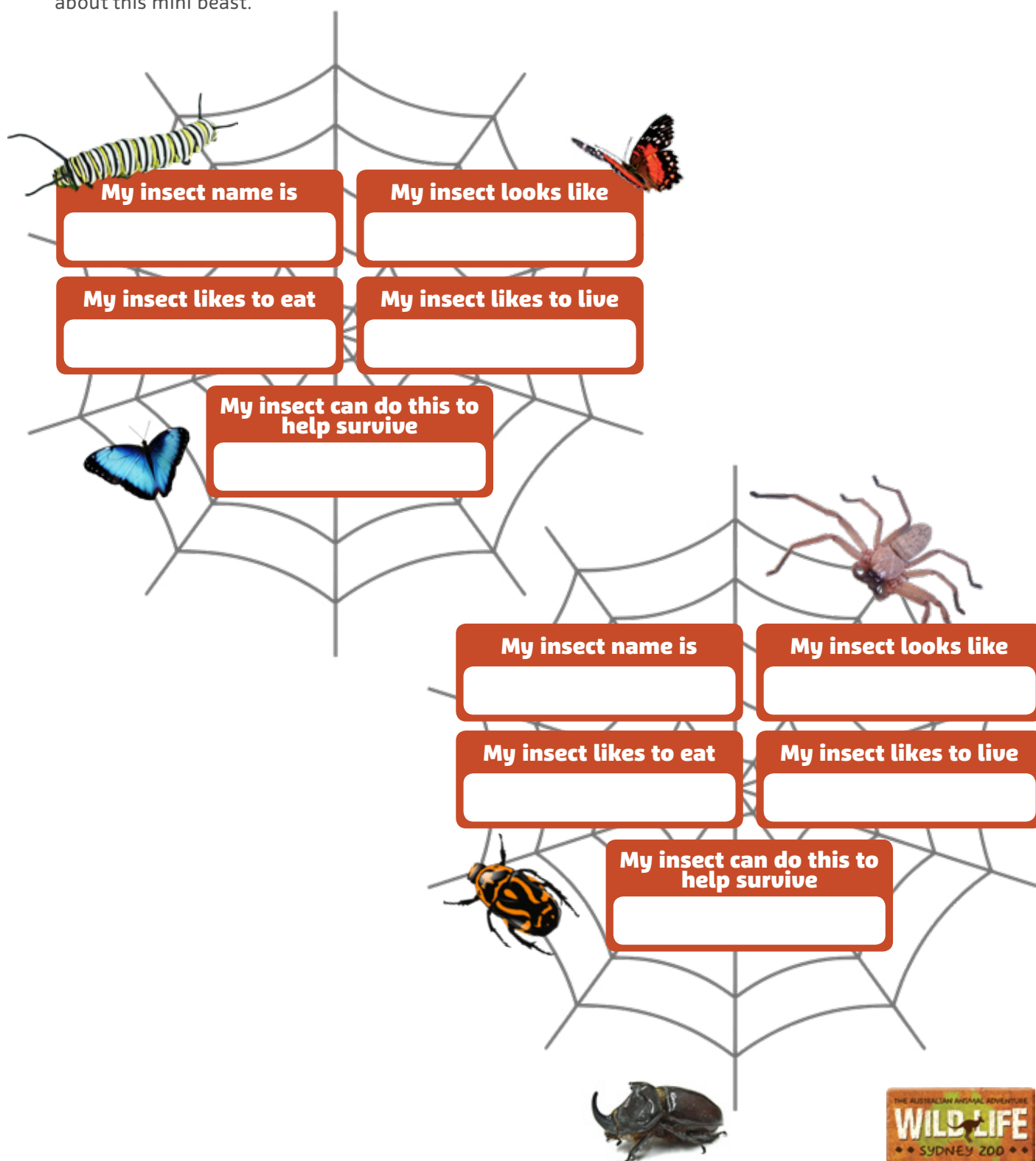
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SECTION 5

Identify me!

Select two of your favourite mini beasts you have seen today. Complete and find the following information about this mini beast.



My insect name is <input type="text"/>	My insect looks like <input type="text"/>
My insect likes to eat <input type="text"/>	My insect likes to live <input type="text"/>
My insect can do this to help survive <input type="text"/>	

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SECTION 6

New species

After your visit to WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo, you made a discovery of a new mini beast species at your school.

This new mini beast

- Likes the sun
- Likes to live in long grass
- It loves to eat nectar and moss off rocks
- It has wings, strong legs to jump and a long tongue to eat its food.

Draw a habitat for this new species that has everything that this mini beast needs to survive,



SECTION 7

Vocabulary List

Look up the meaning of the following words you have learnt today at WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo when you get back to school.

HABITAT

MEANING

OXYGEN

MEANING

LIVING

MEANING

LEAF LITTER

MEANING

MINI BEAST

MEANING

INVERTEBRATE

MEANING

BREATHING

MEANING

SKELETON

MEANING