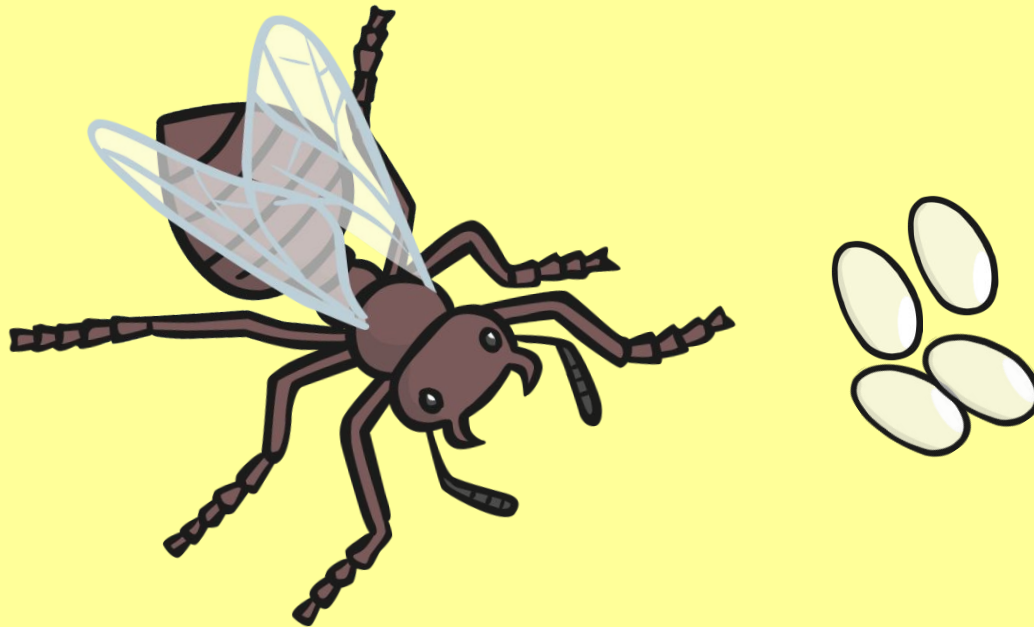


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Only the winged Princess and Drone ants within a colony will mate. They do this in the air, and the Drones die after mating. The Princess then becomes a Queen and lays tiny eggs in a nest.



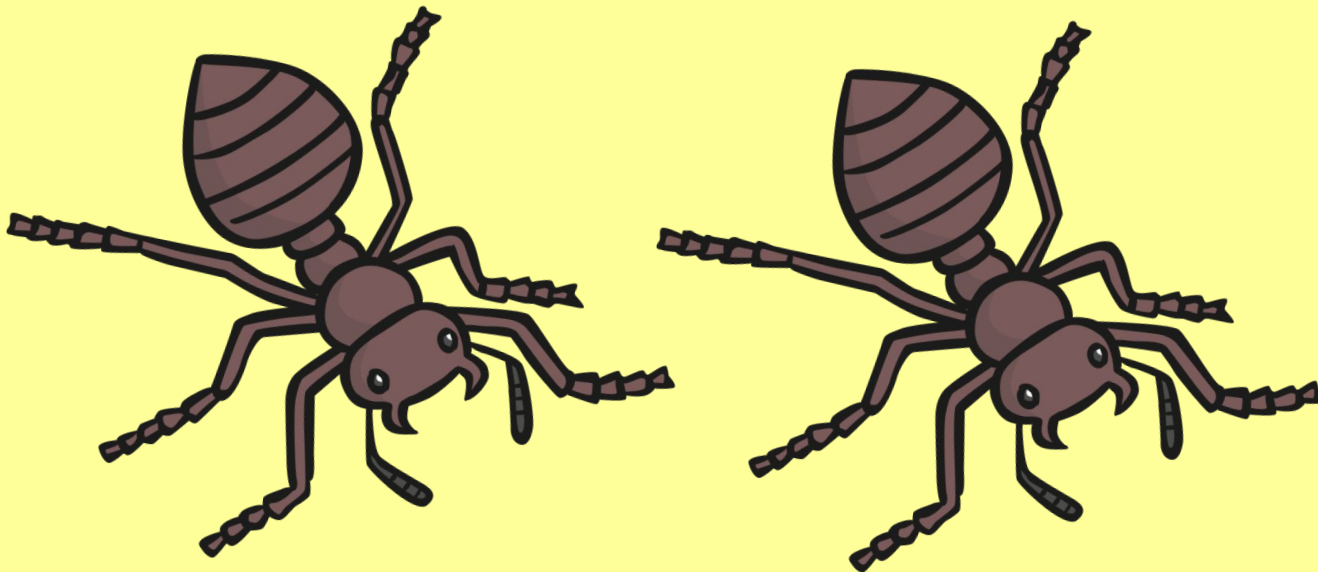
Larvae will hatch from the eggs. They look similar to maggots.

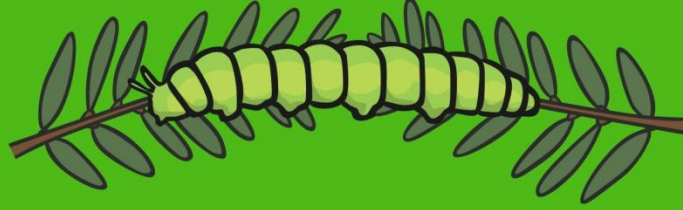


Once grown in size, the larvae will spin a silk cocoon around themselves called a Pupa. The change inside the Pupa is called Metamorphosis.



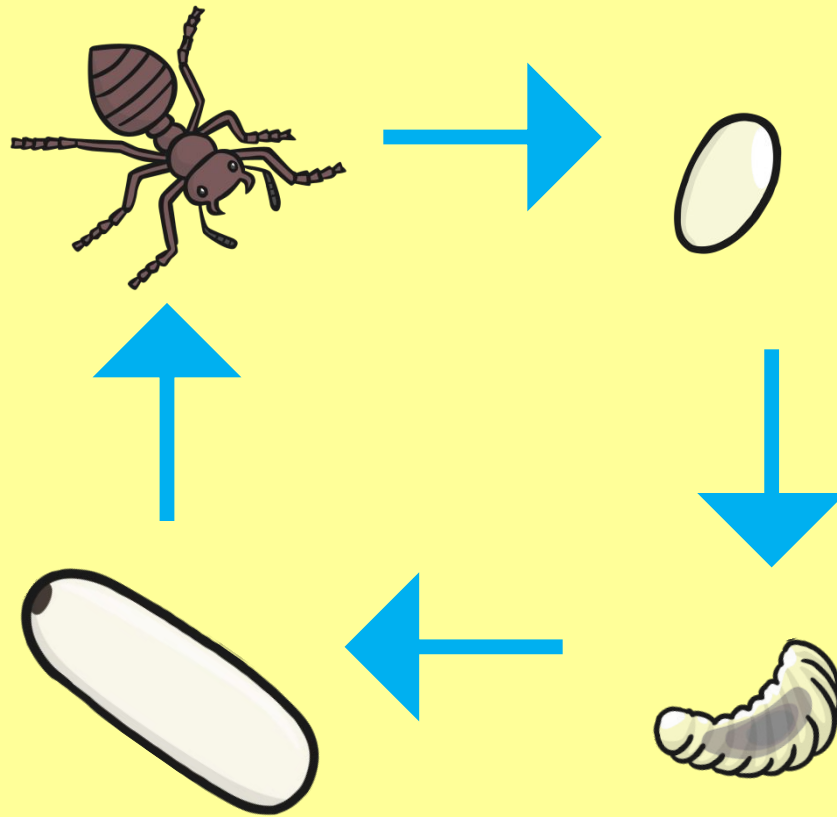
Most ants that emerge from pupas will be worker ants. Occasionally a young ant will be fed more than the others which means that they could possibly become either a Princess or a Drone.





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Some interesting facts



Ants are amazingly strong and can lift up to 50 times their own body weight!



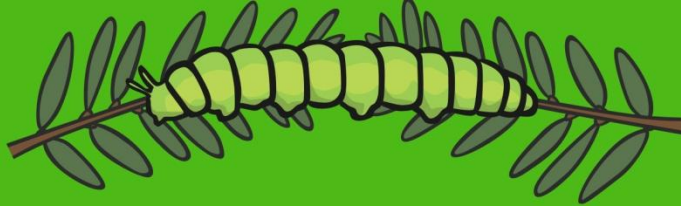
There are 1.5 million ants for every human on Earth.



The Amazon Queen ant will enslave another ant species by killing their queen and forcing all the workers to work for her own colony!



Ants will leave a scent trail to and from any food they find so that it can be followed by the entire colony.



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