# lid topics and questions

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# **PONDS**

- 1. How many species of animals live in a pond?
- 2. Can you find out if a diving beetle lives in a pond and if it does what is its role there?
- 3. Do we have more or fewer ponds than 50 years ago?

#### **WORMS**

- 1. Do worms hear and see?
- 2. How does a worm breath?
- 3. How long do worms live? What is the longest worm-life ever recorded?

#### **BONES**

- 1. How many bones do you think a human face has?
- 2. What is the activity that helps your bones stay healthy?
- 3. What is the strongest bone in your body? Did you know that the strongest bone is hollow?—which one?

#### **INSECTS**

- 1. Which insect releases a chemical that smells and tastes terrible so that the birds and other predators won't eat them?
- 2. How may eggs do you think a female ladybug lays in her lifetime?
- 3. How many species of beetles are there in the world? Did you know that they are the largest order of insects in the world?

## **BEES**

- 1. How many flowers does a bee visit in order to produce one pound of honey?
- 2. Do honeybees have hair on their eyes?
- 3. Are there any other insects that produce food for humans?

### WOOD

- 1. What kind of wood is the heaviest and hardest in the world?
- 2. Do all species of wood float in the water?
- 3. What can you find out about the ancient kauri wood?



## **SEEDS**

- 1. What can you find out about the coconut found only on the Seychelles islands near Africa?
- 2. Is a coconut a fruit, nut or seed?
- 3. How do seeds travel?

## **LEAVES**

- 1. What is the history and meaning of a four-leaf clover?
- 2. What are the millions of little packages of color (green, yellow and orange) inside a leaf?
- 3. What is special about the raffie palm of the Mascarene islands, in the Indian ocean, and the Amazonian bamboo palm of South America and Africa?

## SOIL

- 1. Would there be life on earth without soil?
- 2. How long does it take to form 2 cm of topsoil?
- 3. In just one gram of soil there are up to 7000 different species of what?