

Honeypot Ant Vocabulary Words

ABDOMEN- The third body part of an insect. On a honeypot ant, it is the part that is swollen with nectar.

ADULT- The last stage of the ant's life cycle.

ANT- An insect that lives in colonies, usually underground.

COLONY- A group of insects, like ants, that work together to survive.

COMPLETE METAMORPHOSIS- When an insect goes through 4 stages in a life cycle; egg, larva, pupa, adult.

CROP- The first stomach of an ant that stores nectar for later use.

DESERT- A dry, sandy place that has a season of heavy rain, and the rest of the year is very dry. Usually very hot.

DRONE- A male ant.

EGG- The first stage of an ant's life cycle. They are white and very tiny, usually found in clusters.

FORAGE- To go out and look for food.

HEAD- The first body part of an insect. It has eyes, antenna, and a mouth.

HONEYPOT- What we can ants that store nectar in their bodies for later use.

INSECT- An animal with 3 body parts and 6 legs.

LARVA- The second stage of an ant's lifecycle. These look like little white worms.

METAMORPHOSIS- Big change! When an animal goes through changes as it grows, also known as a life cycle.

NECTAR- Flowers produce this liquid in small amounts to reward pollinators.

NOCTURNAL- Awake at night. When it is very hot in the desert, the ants will be more nocturnal.

PUPA- The third stage of an ant's lifecycle. They are wrapped in little, white cocoons

QUEEN- She lays all of the eggs in the colony! She is much bigger than the other ants.

REPLETE- An ant that stores nectar and hangs from the ceiling.

THROAX- The second body part of an insect. This is where the legs of the ants are attached.

UNDERGROUND- Most ants live underground where it is cool and humid.

WORKER- Female ants that do all the work in the colony.

