

The **MOSQUITO BUSTER SQUAD**

Activity Book

**FIGHT
THE
BITE!**



Sacramento-Yolo
MOSQUITO & VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT

THE DISTRICT D'S OF MOSQUITO PREVENTION

DRAIN standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

DAWN and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors. These are the times when mosquitoes are most active.

DRESS appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside and mosquitoes are around.

DEFEND yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent that contains DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR3535. Remember to follow label directions!

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

DISTRICT personnel are available to address any mosquito problem you may be having at 1-800-429-1022 or visiting us online at www.FIGHTtheBITE.net



Mosquitoes can fly up to a mile and a half an hour

**MEET
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MOSQUITO BUSTER SQUAD

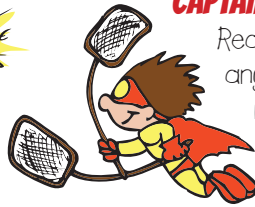
BUSTER GIRL

She's the leader of the Squad and helps everyone bust mosquitoes!



CAPTAIN SKEETER

Ready to swat anytime, anywhere, no matter where!



DRESS WIZARD

She makes long sleeves and pants magically appear when the mosquitoes are out and about.



DOOR DOCTOR

By healing doors and screen holes, she keeps mosquitoes outside where they belong!



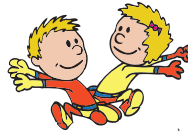
DRAIN MASTER

He keeps standing water on the run with a keen and watchful eye.



DUSK & DAWN

These super siblings speed around at dusk and dawn to warn everyone about mosquitoes.



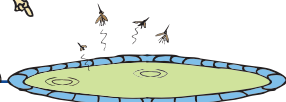
THE DEFENDER

Keeping mosquitoes away with an array of repellents, the Defender helps everyone Fight the Bite!



THE DISTRICT KID

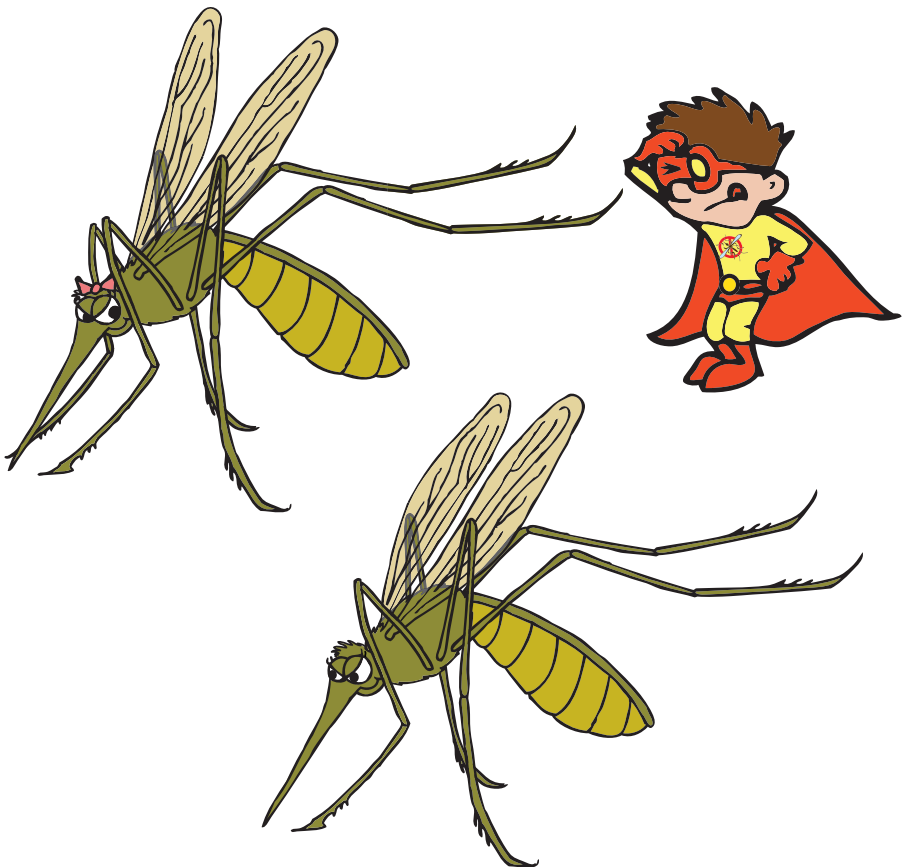
The Kid is always prepared and ready to keep everyone aware of the District Ds.



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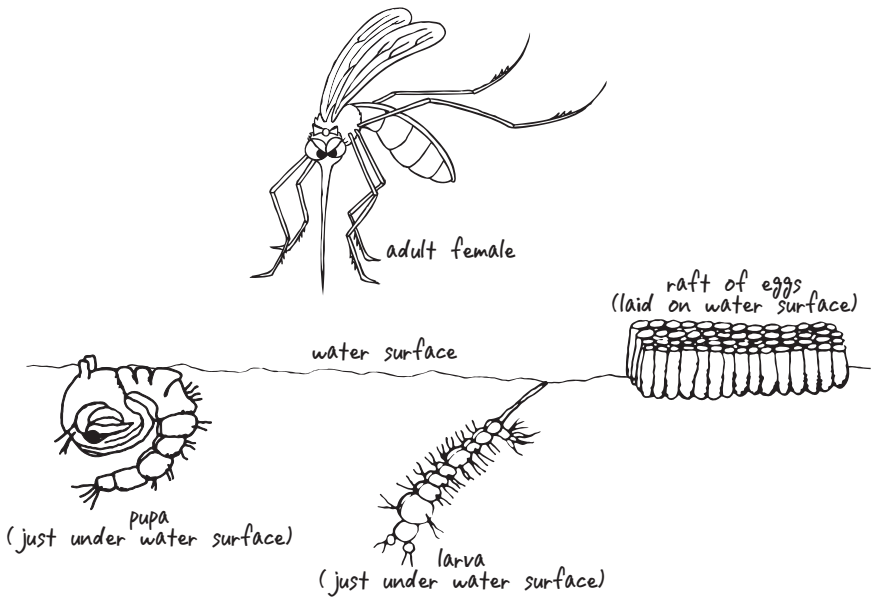
MOSQUITOES!

When mosquitoes bite they make you itch and can also transmit diseases like West Nile virus. Only female mosquitoes bite and drink blood, while male mosquitoes only drink nectar. Can you spot the four differences between these two mosquitoes below?

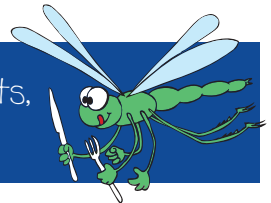


MOSQUITO LIFE CYCLE

Mosquitoes lay eggs on stagnant or green water. In warm weather, eggs can hatch and grow from larva to pupa in as little as seven to ten days. Color the different stages and draw arrows to show the life cycle of the mosquito.

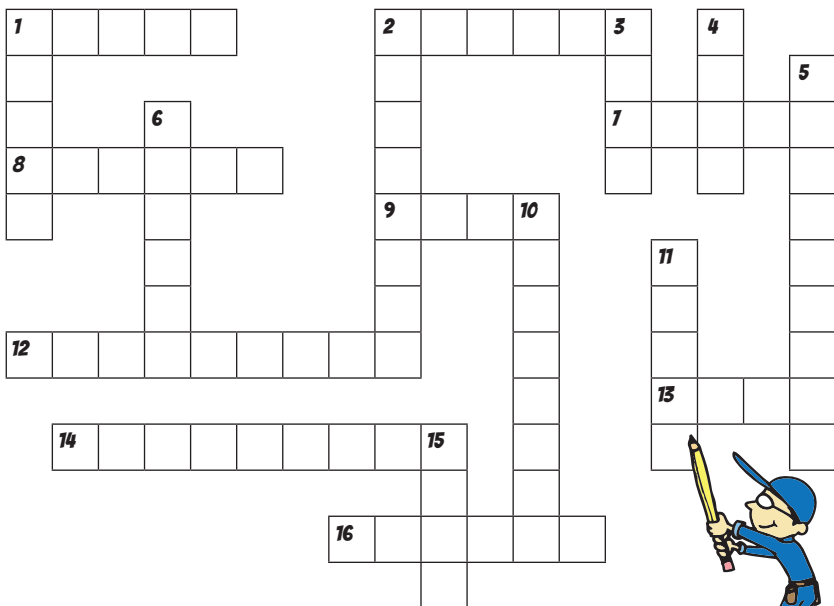


Adult dragonflies eat other flying insects, like midges and mosquitoes.



CROSSWORD

How well do you know your **DISTRICT** information?
The answers are right here in this book!



ACROSS

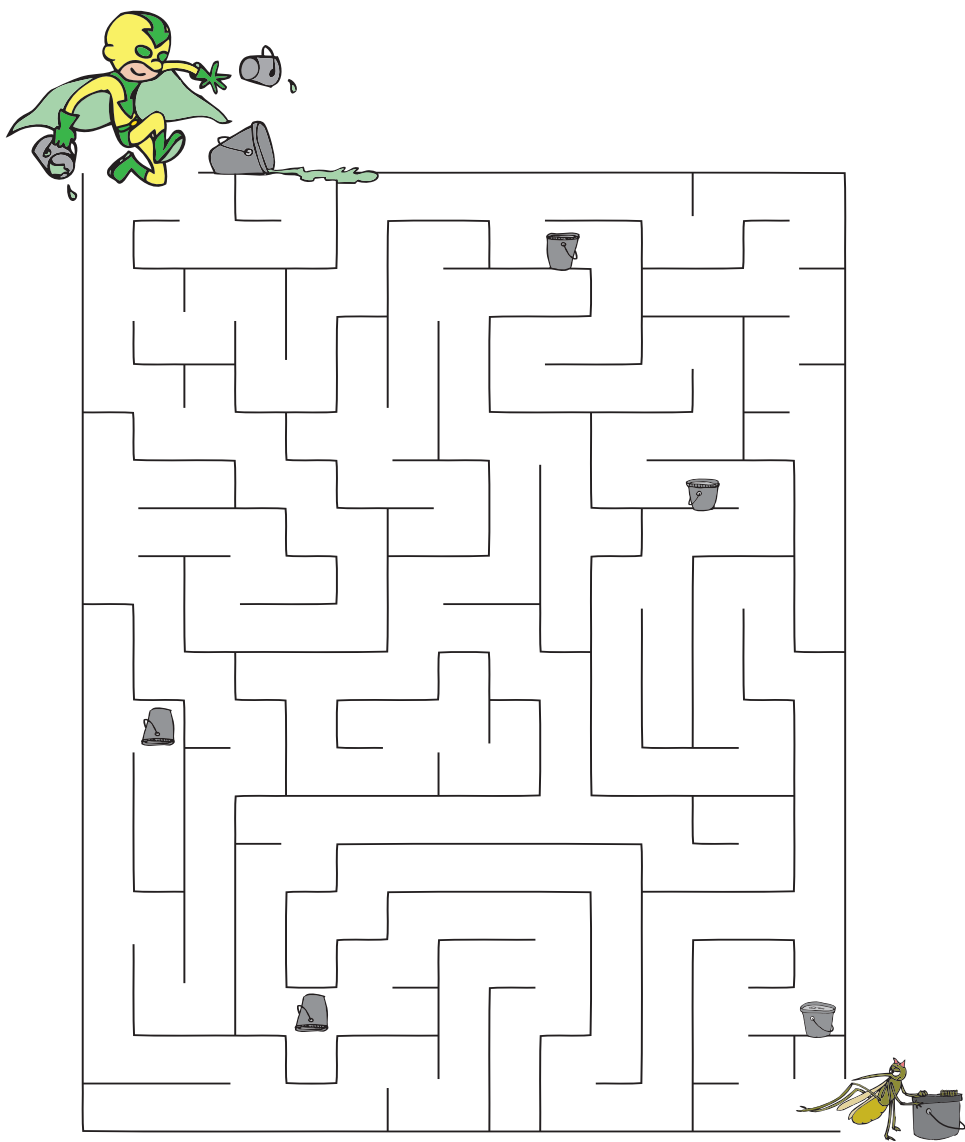
1. What should you do to standing water?
2. Use repellent when mosquitoes are out.
7. Where do mosquitoes lay eggs?
8. Fix these and doors to keep mosquitoes out of your house.
9. A group of mosquito eggs.
12. Spray used to protect yourself from mosquitoes.
13. Always report a neglected or green one.
14. Report a _____ pool.
16. Mosquito _____ Squad.

DOWN

1. You should _____ in long sleeves and pants when mosquitoes are out.
2. Who do you call when you have a mosquito problem?
3. Early morning time to avoid being outside.
4. Fight the _____!
5. Insect that eats mosquitoes.
6. Mosquito gender that lays eggs and bites people.
10. Woody hole where mosquitoes breed.
11. Fish that eats mosquito larvae.
15. Early evening time to avoid being outside.

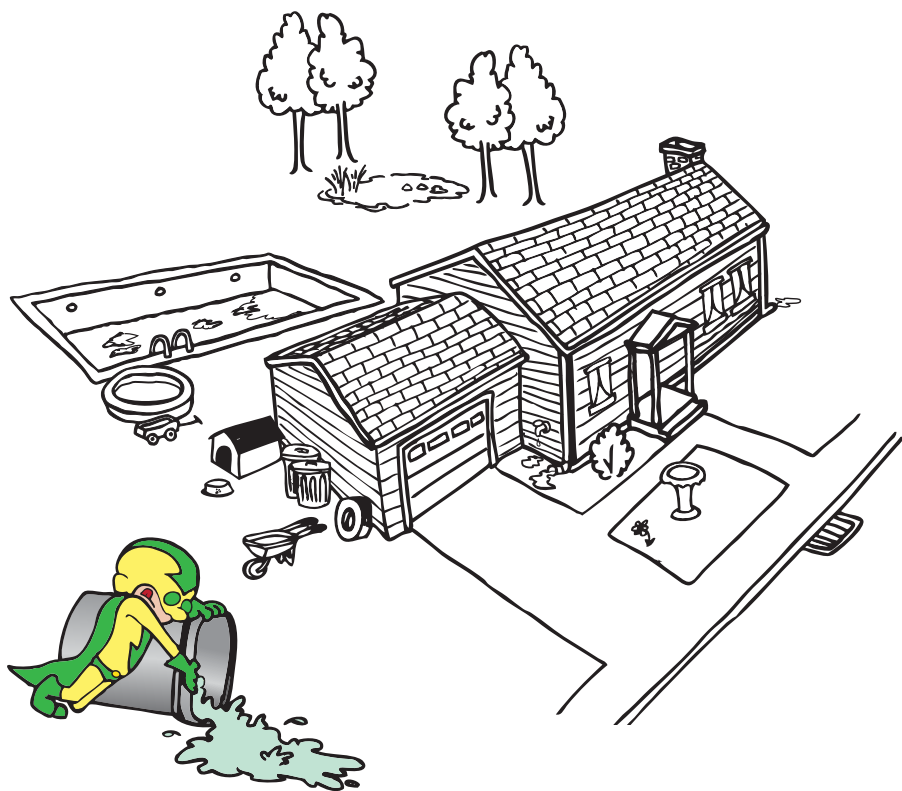
A-MAZE-ING

Help Drain Master find the mosquito laying eggs.
Be sure to **DRAIN** all buckets along the way!



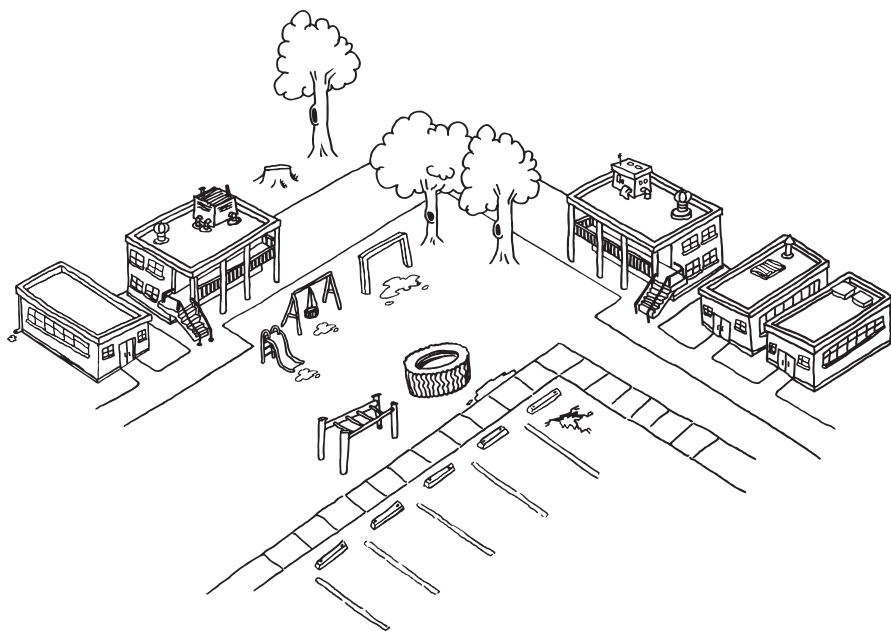
MISSION: DRAIN!

Some places where mosquitoes lay eggs include puddles, buckets, tires, toys, bird baths, pet dishes and neglected pools. **DRAIN** water from these places around your house to keep mosquitoes from growing in your backyard! Color the areas around your home where water can collect and mosquitoes can lay eggs.



Be your own Buster! Report neglected or green pools to an adult who can notify the District.

Keep your eyes open for standing water around your school too! Grab your friends and be your own Mosquito Buster Squad! See if you can find these spots around your school. Report back to your teacher about what you and your Squad discovered. Color in the school, using green for the standing water spots where mosquitoes can lay eggs.



Be sure to check EVERYWHERE!



- Low spots in the grass
- In and under tire swings
- On and under slides and play structures
- Cracks or holes on the sidewalk or parking lot
- Holes in trees or tree stumps

DEFEND YOURSELF!

Using repellent is a great way of defending yourself against mosquitoes and their nasty bites. Be sure to have plenty on hand and use it when you have an outdoor activity. Color the Defender and all of his repellents!



Always follow the directions on the labels.

WORD FIND

Always be on the lookout for mosquitoes and know all the ways you can help Fight the Bite! Words can be across, down and diagonal!

S I D R A G O N F L Y O G B O
T W E D U S K B L L T T W U X
A E E D R E S S H I A D A W N
G G I S O O R H U A O U T S A
N G V G T R D Q X V B T E P V
A R V G M N S O R B N I R U M
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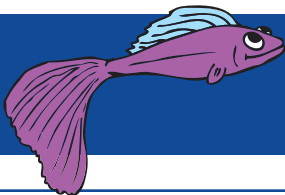
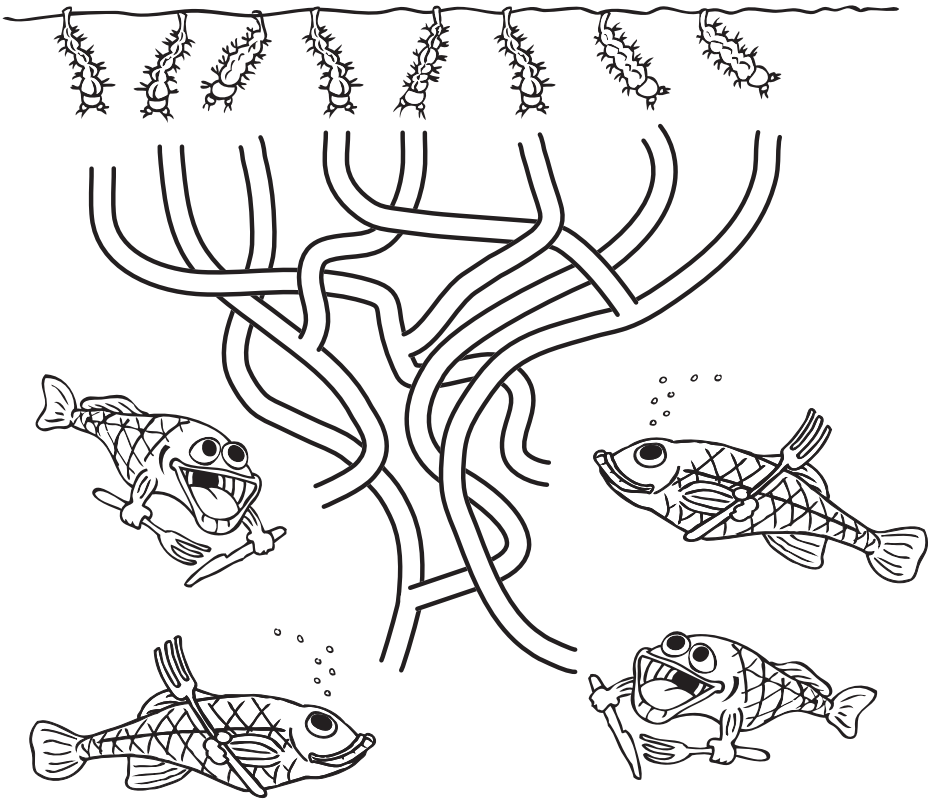
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DEFEND
DISTRICT
DOORS
DRAGONFLY
DRAIN

DRESS
DUSK
EGGRAFT
HABITAT
LARVA
MOSQUITO

PUPA
VIRUS
WATER
WESTNILE
REPELLENT
STAGNANT

FISHY FRIENDS

Mosquitofish eat mosquito larvae before they grow into biting adult mosquitoes! Color the lines to see which larvae these mosquitofish get to eat!



Other fish who eat larvae include guppies and even goldfish!

FILL IN THE 'D'

Everyone on the Mosquito Buster Squad knows and lives by the **DISTRICT Ds** to help them Fight the Bite!

DRAIN DRESS DEFEND DOORS DAWN DUSK DISTRICT

_____ and _____ are times to avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are out and you can be bitten.

The _____ should be contacted when you have a mosquito problem and to report neglected pools.

_____ any green or standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

_____ and screens should be in good working condition to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

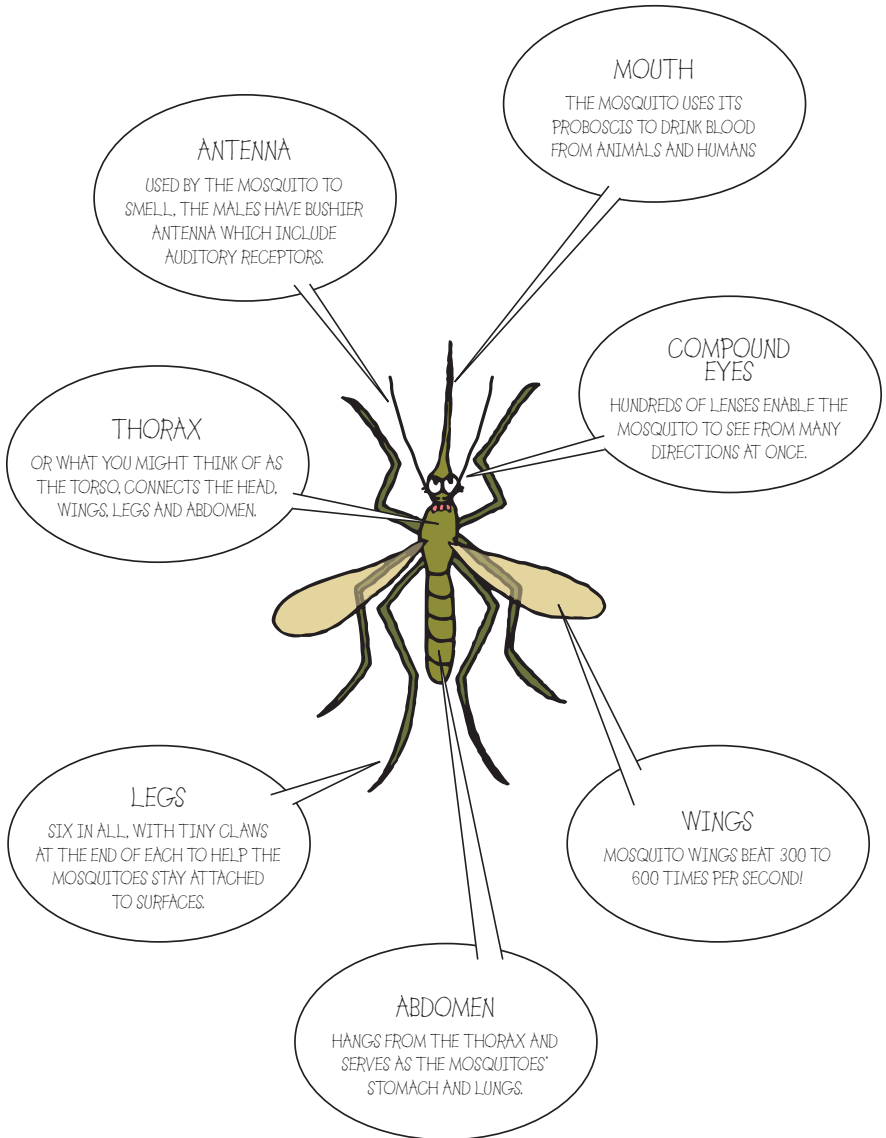
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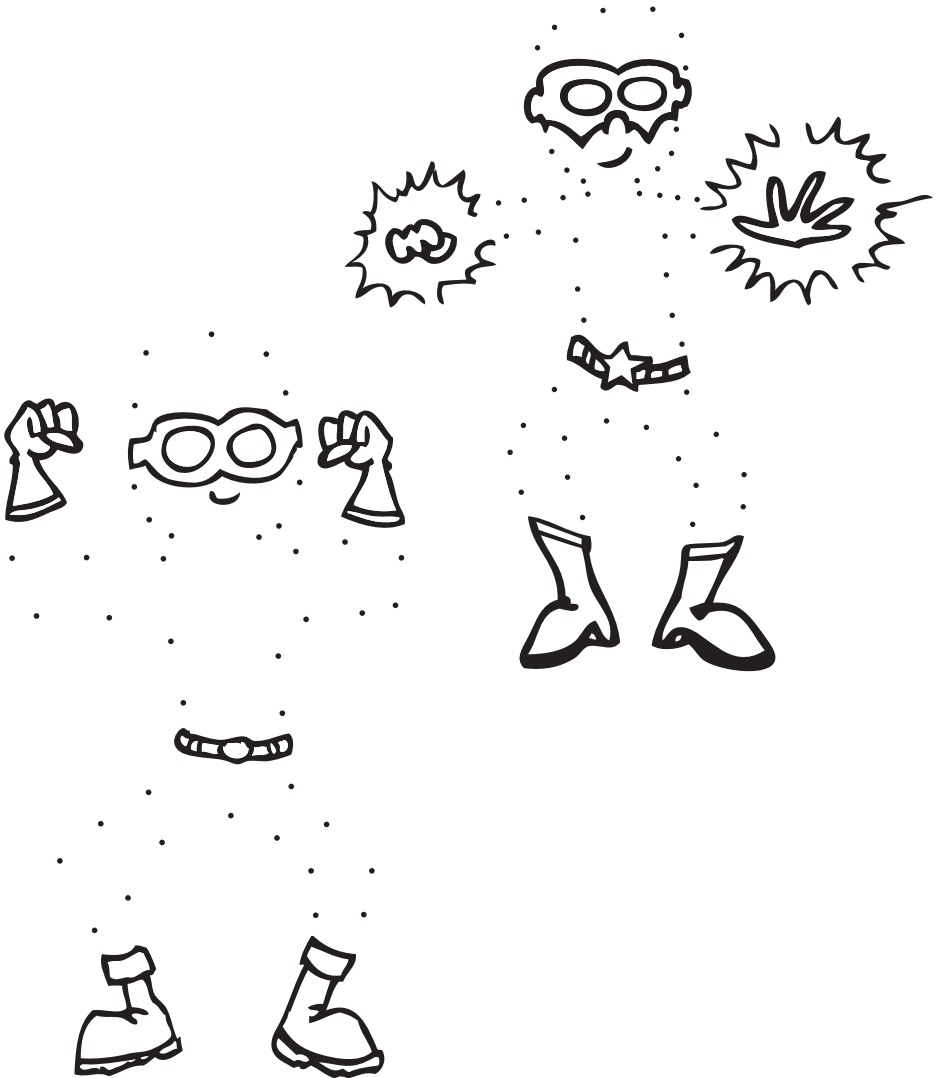
KNOW YOUR MOSQUITO

For tiny bugs, they sure do have a lot of parts!



YOU'RE READY!

You are ready to join the Mosquito Buster Squad! Now connect the dots and color in your very own Mosquito Buster Squad heroes! Give them powerful Mosquito Buster Squad hero names and colorful costumes!



SQUAD SPINNERS!

Cut out the circles below and insert a toothpick in the middle. Spin them on a hard surface and see how many times the Squad knocks out the mosquito!

