

MOSQUITO BITES

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MOSQUITOES BITE SOME PEOPLE MORE THAN OTHERS



Why are some people bitten by mosquitoes more than other people? A website has discovered some answers to this question. Researchers from the site Medical News Today (MNT) looked into what parts of us mosquitoes like. They found out some interesting things. A professor of public health, Dr Jagdish Khubchandani, told MNT what he thought mosquitoes liked. He said: "Studies suggest that pregnant women, people with high body temperature and sweat...and those with darker skin could be [bigger targets]." Blood type could be another factor. Studies found that mosquitoes are not so attracted to people with blood group A. However, they find people with blood group O a little tastier.

Medical News Today reported that there are over 3,500 species of mosquitoes worldwide. Only a fraction of these bite people. Only the females of the species bite. They need blood to provide protein for their eggs. Mosquito bites are an annoyance for most people. The bite becomes itchy and can swell. However, millions of people have died from the diseases mosquitoes spread. These include malaria, dengue fever, West Nile virus, yellow fever and Zika, among others. To avoid getting bitten, it is best to cover your skin with clothing. It is also a good idea to use insect repellent (day and night, indoors and outdoors) on any exposed skin. Sleeping under a mosquito net can also reduce the chances of being bitten.

CHAT

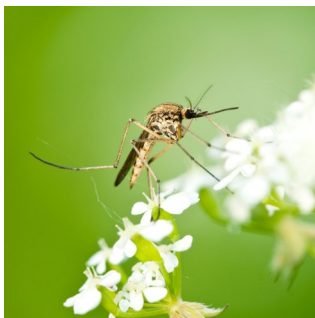
MOSQUITOES	1
PREGNANT	2
TEMPERATURE	3
PROTEIN	4
MALARIA	5
INSECT	6
SKIN	7

DISCUSSION

- 1- Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 2- What do you think of when you hear the word 'bite'?
- 3- What do you think about what you read?
- 4- What do you think of there being 3,500 species of mosquitoes?
- 5- How annoying are mosquitoes?
- 6- Are mosquitoes useful in any way?
- 7- What do you do when a mosquito bite itches?
- 8- What do you know about malaria?
- 9- What do you think of insect repellent?
- 10- What questions would you like to ask a mosquito expert?

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Another
- People with
- A little + comparative



RANKING

Rank these with your partner. Put the most worst bugs at the top.

- Mosquitoes
- Cockroaches
- Stink bugs
- Flies
- Centipedes
- Slugs
- Spiders
- Moths

Write your reasons to explain:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 1)

Studies found that mosquitoes are not so attracted to people with blood group A.

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| 1) discovered | A. Of a woman with a baby growing inside her. |
| 2) public | B. Became aware of a fact or situation. |
| 3) pregnant | C. How hot or cold something is. |
| 4) Temperature | D. The water that comes out of our skin when we are hot. |
| 5) sweat | E. About all of the people in a country. |
| 6) factor | F. Caused to come to a place or join something because of something nice. |
| 7) Attracted | G. Something that is one reason for another thing happening. |

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 2)



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| 1) species | A. A small or tiny part of something. |
| 2) fraction | B. Being uncomfortable enough that you want to scratch your skin to make the feeling go away. |
| 3) Protein | C. A group of living things that are all in the same group of animal. |
| 4) Annoyance | D. The thing in meat that helps to give us bigger muscles. |
| 5) Itchy | E. Keep away from. |
| 6) Avoid | F. Something that makes us a little angry. |
| 7) Skin | G. The outer layer of tissue that covers our whole body. |

WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS!

STUDENT's QUESTIONS



- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

ROLE PLAY

"Studies suggest that pregnant women, people with high body temperature and sweat...and those with darker skin could be [bigger targets]."

You think mosquitoes are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

You think stink bugs are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

You think moths are the worst insects. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____



WRITE THE MISSING LETTERS!

Why _r_ s_m_ p__pl_ b__tt_n by m_sq__t_s m_r_ th_n _th_r p__pl_? _ w_bs_t_ h_s d _sc_v_r_d s_m_ _nsw_rs t_ th_s q__st_n. R_s_rch_rs fr_m th_ s_t_ M_d_c_l N_ws T_d_y (MNT) l_k_d _nt_ wh_t p_rts _f_s m_sq__t_s l_k_. Th_y f__nd __t s_m_ _nt_r_st_ng th_ngs. _ pr_f_ss_r _f p_bl_c h__lth, Dr J_gd_sh Kh_bch_nd_n_, t_ld MNT wh_t

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