



# Facts About Flies

1. Flies are insects and they have 3 body parts: head, thorax, abdomen
2. They have four life stages: egg, larva (maggot), pupa, and adult.
3. Larvae feed on decaying meat and feces. Adult flies feed on sugary food or any kind, such as rotting fruit and nectar.
4. Flies live in garbage and wherever animal feces are available. Dead animals attract flies within hours after death.
5. Their predators are birds, bats, spiders, and insects such as dragonflies.
6. The eyes of a fly are one of the most complex in the insect world. They have compound eyes, meaning they are made up of thousands of six-sided lenses. No two lenses point in the same direction and each lense works independently.
7. Flies taste, smell, and feel with the hairs that cover their bodies. Flies taste what they walk on. If they walk on something tasty, they put down their mouth and taste it again.
8. Their mouth looks like a funnel. To eat, they vomit on their food first, and then suck up the liquids with its sponge-like mouth parts.
9. Flies have sticky feet, which is why they can walk on vertical glass surfaces and upside down.
10. A fly cleans itself constantly. Since they don't have eyelids, they rub their eyes with their feet to keep them clean.