

Paper Wasps



Vocabulary

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| 1 paper wasps | 7 ecosystem |
| 2 sting | 8 unless |
| 3 remove | 9 threaten |
| 4 insects | 10 instead of |
| 5 harmful | 11 enemy |
| 6 role | 12 benefits |

Listening

1. Why do some farmers and gardeners appreciate paper wasps?
A. They make plants grow faster.
B. They help reduce insects that damage plants.
C. They produce materials useful for farming.
D. They protect flowers from bad weather.
2. According to the passage, what is one reason paper wasps are sometimes removed?
A. They always attack people who walk nearby.
B. They are not part of the local ecosystem.
C. Their nests can be dangerous in busy areas.
D. They spread diseases to humans.
3. Which statement best describes the behavior of paper wasps?
A. They usually attack without warning.
B. They become aggressive only at night.
C. They often sting people for food.
D. They generally sting when they feel in danger.
4. What does the speaker suggest people should do first when they find a paper wasp nest?
A. Destroy it immediately.
B. Check where the nest is located.
C. Call the police.
D. Feed the wasps so they stay calm.
5. What is the main message of this talk?
A. Dangerous insects should always be removed.
B. Nature works better without insects near people.
C. We should consider both the risks and benefits of wildlife.
D. Farmers should use more insects instead of machines.



Listening script

Many people are afraid of paper wasps because they can sting. In Japan, paper wasps are often removed when they build nests near houses or schools. However, paper wasps are not only dangerous insects. In fact, they can be very helpful to people and nature.

One good thing about paper wasps is that they eat many harmful insects. They catch caterpillars and other insects that damage vegetables and flowers. Because of this, farmers and gardeners sometimes think of paper wasps as natural pest controllers.

Paper wasps also help keep the balance of nature. Every animal and insect has a role in the ecosystem, and paper wasps are an important part of it.

So, how should we live with paper wasps? If a nest is far away from people, it may be better to leave it alone. Paper wasps usually do not attack unless they feel threatened. However, if they build a nest near an entrance, a playground, or another busy place, it may be necessary to remove the nest for safety reasons.

Instead of thinking of paper wasps as simple enemies, we should try to understand both their dangers and their benefits. Learning to live with nature is an important challenge for all of us.

Insect Questions True or False?

- 1 All insects have six legs.
- 2 Butterflies can taste with their feet.
- 3 Spiders are insects.
- 4 Ants never sleep.
- 5 A bee can see ultraviolet light.
- 6 Dragonflies can fly backward.
- 7 Ladybugs are always red with black spots.
- 8 Mosquitoes eat only blood.



More Questions

- 1 What is your favorite insect?
- 2 Do you like bugs?
- 3 Are you afraid of spiders?
- 4 Have you ever caught a cicada?
- 5 Why do many people dislike insects?
- 6 What kind of insects can you see around your house?
- 7 Have you ever tried eating insects, like grasshoppers?
- 8 Which do you prefer, butterflies or dragonflies?
- 9 How do insects benefit our ecosystem?
- 10 What do you think about insect-based food as a future protein source?
- 11 Why are honeybees so important for agriculture?
- 12 Do you think global warming is changing the population of insects?