

Insect protection

This task is about features that insects have that can protect them from animals that might eat them.

Insects are often food for other animals.

They have different ways of keeping themselves safe from animals that might eat them.

a) Draw lines to match each insect to the way its colours and shape help protect it from its predators.

- i) The gum emperor moth is a dull brown. It lays its eggs in gum trees.



◆ Its colour makes it hard to see.

- ii) The monarch butterfly is orange and black. It likes to lay its eggs on the green swan plant.



◆ The pattern on its wings looks like big eyes.

- iii) Green leaf hoppers feed on the sap of plants.



◆ It looks like a part of the plant it lives on.

- iv) The brown cabbage tree moth rests on dead cabbage tree leaves.



◆ Its bright colours warn that it is poisonous or tastes nasty.



Stick insects can be brown or green. They eat the leaves of trees and shrubs.

b) Describe **two** ways a stick insect is protected from its predators.

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