

**Never, ever litter.**  
Throw **ALL** your  
garbage in the gar-  
bage bin.



Remember to  
cover your garbage bins at home  
and school.

Do not eat in the classroom be-  
cause these pests love crumbs.

If you see any of these pests, tell  
your mommy, daddy or teacher.

**REMEMBER!!!** Always wash  
hands before eating.

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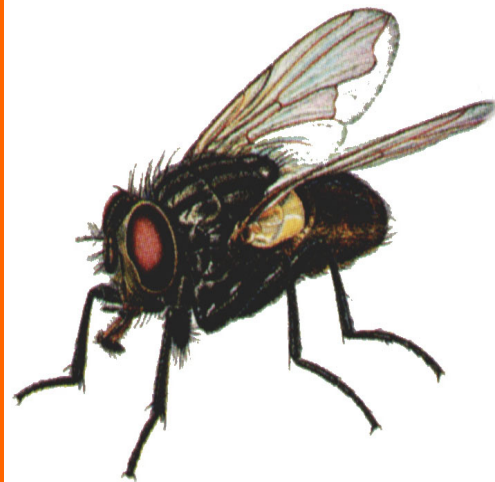
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# ALL ABOUT PESTS



## Pests

A pest is anything that bothers or an-  
noys you. Sometimes they can harm  
you.

Flies, cockroaches, ants, rats and  
mice are pests in food areas. You  
**MIGHT** see them in your home or  
school.

## Insects

Flies, cockroaches and ants are in-  
sects.



Insects are small animals that have **6**  
**legs** on their bodies and **2 feelers** on  
their heads.

**REMEMBER!!!** Spiders have **8 legs**  
so they are not insects.

## All About Flies

Flies have two wings. They use these  
wings to fly.

You might see flies on floors, ceil-  
ings, tables and walls. You might  
also see them flying around.

Flies are **very** annoying. They like to  
buzz around your head and bother  
you.

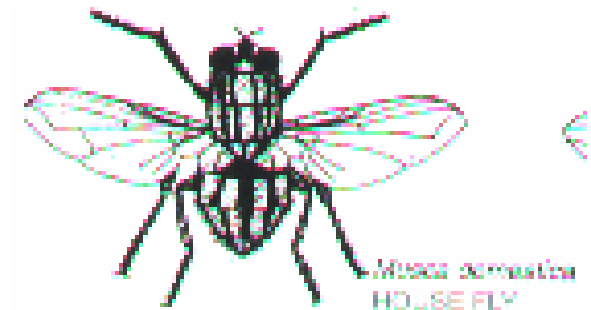
They love to pitch on your food too.

## How Flies Grow

Flies come from eggs. First they look  
like little worms (you call them mag-  
gots).

Then they fall asleep in a case. The  
wings grow in the case and then the  
fly comes out.

Flies like to lay their eggs in garbage



and other nasty places.

The maggots will live in your gar-  
bage and then turn into flies.

## All About Cockroaches

Cockroaches like to come out at night.



In the day they hide so you may not see them then.

There are many types of cockroaches.

Some are big and some are small. Some like to fly and some don't.

Some like to live in your kitchen, some in the bathroom and some live outside.

### About Rats & Mice

Rats and mice are animals that have two **big** front teeth and like to chew on different things. They hide in the day and come out at night.

There are three types of rats and mice in Jamaica.

1. **The sewer rat**
2. **The roof rat**
3. **The house mouse**

**REMEMBER!!!** Say "mice", not "mouses".



### The Sewer Rat

The sewer rat is bigger than the roof rat.

It has small eyes and ears and a short nose.

It likes to dig holes in the ground.

This is the rat you **MIGHT** see at home or school.

### The Roof Rat

The roof rat is smaller and skinnier than the sewer rat.

The roof rat loves to climb. It likes to live in trees and in roofs.

### The House Mouse

The house mouse is much smaller than the two rats.

The house mouse can live indoors or outdoors.

**REMEMBER!!!** A mouse is not a baby rat.



### What Rats & Mice

#### Like To Eat

Rats and mice like the same food that you eat.

They will also chew on doors and boxes and make holes in them.

### These Pests Spread Germs

Flies, cockroaches, rats and mice are very nasty. They look for food even in dirty places like garbage and sewers.

They like to eat your food too. They will crawl over your food and spread germs.

If you eat these foods the germs can make you sick and make you cry.

You must not touch these pests.

If they touch your food, throw the food away.

### All About Ants

Ants live in groups called colonies. They are very active and spend a lot of time looking for food. Some ants may bite.

### How To Stop Pests

Keep **ALL** areas clean.

Try not to spill food or drink.

Keep your food locked away.

Wash your hands after you eat so that flies will not pitch on your hands.