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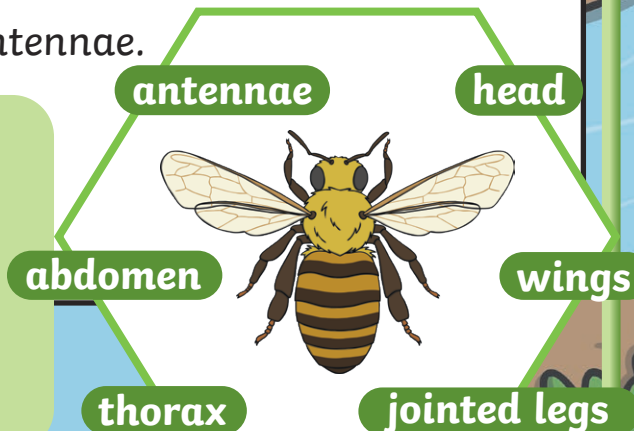
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Questions



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- ☐ antennae
- ☐ an exoskeleton



2. Find and copy the word that describes animals with no backbone.



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- ☐ thorax



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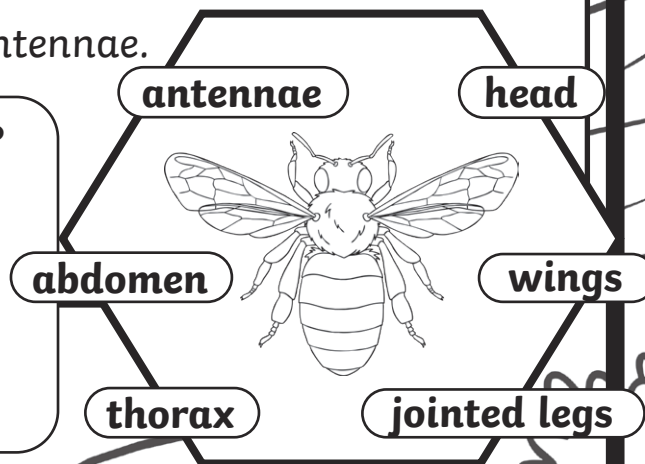
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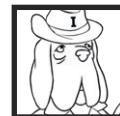
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Pupil's own responses, such as: I think it is important for insects to have an exoskeleton because it would be easier for predators to eat them without one.