

1 Cicada

The cicada is a large brown insect that spends most of her life in the ground. After hatching from a tiny egg high up in a tree, she falls to the ground and then she crawls into the dirt. Staying there for up to 17 years, she eats sap from roots and grows to her full size. Then she crawls out of the ground and up a tree, where she sheds her skin, leaving the husk stuck to the bark. The adult cicada will live above ground and mate in the few weeks before she dies.



Vocabulary to Visualize:

hatching: coming out slowly from an egg

crawls: moves slowly on the ground

sheds: gets rid of

husk: the empty outer skin or shell

1 First Sentence: The cicada is a large brown insect that spends most of her life in the ground.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the cicada? _____

2. her color? _____

3. her size? _____

4. her living in the ground? _____

2 Second Sentence: After hatching from a tiny egg high up in a tree, she falls to the ground and then she crawls into the dirt.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. her hatching? _____

2. the tiny egg in the tree? _____

3. her falling to the ground? _____

4. her crawling into the dirt? _____

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Third Sentence: Staying there for up to 17 years, she eats sap from roots and grows to her full size.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. 17 years? _____

2. her staying in the ground? _____

3. her eating? _____

4. her growing to her full size? _____

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Fourth Sentence: Then she crawls out of the ground and up a tree, where she sheds her skin, leaving the husk stuck to the bark.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. her crawling out of the ground? _____

2. her crawling up a tree? _____

3. her shedding her skin? _____

4. the husk stuck to the bark? _____

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Fifth Sentence: The adult cicada will live above ground and mate in the few weeks before she dies.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...





1. the adult cicada? _____

2. her living above ground? _____

3. her mate? _____

Picture Summary:

Number your images in order.

-  The cicada crawls up a tree where she sheds her skin and lives for a few weeks.
-  The cicada hatches from an egg high in a tree and then falls to the ground.
-  The cicada crawls into the ground and stays there for 17 years, eating sap from roots.
-  The cicada, grown to full size, crawls out of the ground.

Critical Thinking

Write a Word Summary:

Main Idea:

Check the box that best describes all your images—the main idea.

- The adult cicada crawls up a tree where she sheds her skin and leaves the husk stuck on the bark.
- The young cicada lives under the ground and eats sap from roots for over one year.
- The cicada hatches from an egg in the trees, falls, crawls into the ground, and stays for 17 years, growing to her full size.

HOT Questions:

1. Why do you think the cicada egg is up in a tree and not in the ground? _____

2. Why do you think the cicada falls to the ground instead of crawling to the ground? _____

3. Why do you think she eats sap from roots? _____

4. Why do you think she crawls out of the ground? _____

5. Why do you think she sheds her skin? _____

6. Why might she come out of the ground and go up the tree? _____
