

Activity Pack

Test Your PESTS Knowledge!

Take the quiz below to discover just how much you know about PESTS. Head to **pestsbook.com** to help you find the answers, plus more amazing fun facts about PESTS!

1. A mouse can squeeze through very small gaps, but just how small is the smallest space it can pass through?

2. Bat poo is called guano. It is very high in potassium nitrate. What was it used for in the American Civil War?

3. Pigeons can find their way back to their nests from up to 1300 miles away. What skills do they use to do this?

4. A rat can go longer without water than a camel. True or false?

5. Moles use their specially designed front paws like spades. How fast can they burrow?

6. What colour is a spider's blood?A) Red B) Green C) Blue D) Yellow

7. What part of their bodies do flies use to taste their food?

8. How many millions of years have beetles been around for?

9. How many days can a cockroach live without its head?



Answers: 1. 0.6cm, 2. Gunpowder, 3. Using a range of skills including an 'internal compass and the sun as a guide, 4. True, 5. Up to 18 feet in an hour, 6. Blue, 7. Their feet, 8. About 270 million years, 9. 7 Days When the lights go off the **PESTS** come out! Activities based on PESTS by Emer Stamp.



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Writ	e a	PEST	adventure
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Imagine a PEST that might live in your home. Write a short story about an adventure it would go on. You could even draw a picture of your PEST.

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Run your own PEST party!

We've come up with some fun games ideas to make your PEST party extra special.

Stix Says Will you do what Stix says?

How to play: A variation on the 'Simon Says' game. A leader stands in front of a group of children and gives them an instructions. If the leader says "Stix Says" before the instruction then everyone must do as they are told. If "Stix Says" isn't said before the instruction, no one should do anything at all. Anyone who does the action without the words "Stix Says" is out. The last one left is the winner.

Suggestions: Jump, sit down, clap your hands, touch your toes/knees/nose, twirl around, swap places with the person next to you

Grandma's footsteps

can the PESTS sneak around without Grandma catching them?

How to play: Choose one person to be Grandma. They have to face away with their back to the group. When the game starts, everyone has to try and sneak up on Grandma without being seen or heard. At random times throughout the game, Grandma has to turn around. Any player they see moving is sent back to the start. Once Grandma turns back away, everyone can start moving again. The winner is the person who reaches Grandma first and taps them on the shoulder. This person is Grandma in the next round.

Mouse's tail

can the mouse catch its tail?

How to play: Have everyone form a line and hold the waist or hands of the person in front of them. The line they form is a mouse's tail and the front person is the mouse. The object of the game is for the mouse to catch its tail. The mouse will lead the rest of the tail around the room and try to catch up to and touch the last one in line. The chain must not be broken or the mouse will have to start over. Once the mouse has caught its tail, swap round to give others a go at being the mouse.

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