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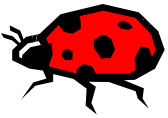
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## Answers:

1. What makes an animal a pest?

A pest is an insect, animal, or a plant that is out of place or not where it naturally belongs.

2. What are the "ABC's" of IPM?

First we identify the pest, monitor and keep records of the pests' activities, decide if the pest is causing a problem, and choose the safest treatment possible.

3. What are three safe ways to control pests without using chemicals?

Keep food areas clean and tidy, use traps to capture pests, use fly-swatters instead of poisonous sprays.

4. What is nature's way of managing pests?

All species have natural predators that control populations. IPM uses natural enemies or biological controls to manage pests.

5. If you have to use chemicals to control pests, what should you consider?

Use the safest, least toxic chemical products. Treat only the specific location of the problem. Make your own natural and safer sprays from dish soap. (Only adults should handle chemicals.)