

Need another word that means the same as “insect”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “insect” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Insect” are: dirt ball, louse, worm

Insect as a Noun

Definitions of "Insect" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “insect” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A person who has a nasty or unethical character undeserving of respect.*
- *A small arthropod animal that has six legs and generally one or two pairs of wings.*
- *Small air-breathing arthropod.*
- *Any small invertebrate animal such as a spider or tick.*



Synonyms of "Insect" as a noun (3 Words)

dirt ball Disgraceful gossip about the private lives of other people.

louse Either of two small wingless parasitic insects that live on the skin of mammals and birds.

worm Used in names of other animals that resemble worms in some way e g slow worm shipworm.
*Food for **worms**.*



Usage Examples of "Insect" as a noun

- *Insect pests.*



Associations of "Insect" (30 Words)

ant	Social insect living in organized colonies; characteristically the males and fertile queen have wings during breeding season; wingless sterile females are the workers.
arachnid	Relating to or denoting arachnids.
bee	An insect of a large group to which the honeybee belongs including many solitary as well as social kinds. <i>A sewing bee.</i>
bug	A minute life form (especially a disease-causing bacterium); the term is not in technical use. <i>A custom program we used developed a bug.</i>
butterfly	Flutter like a butterfly. <i>A social butterfly.</i>
caterpillar	A vehicle with caterpillar tracks.

cockroach	Any of numerous chiefly nocturnal insects; some are domestic pests.
dragonfly	Slender-bodied non-stinging insect having iridescent wings that are outspread at rest; adults and nymphs feed on mosquitoes etc.
exterminator	A person or thing that destroys something completely. <i>He became an exterminator of pumas tracking them down in dark caverns.</i>
flea	Any wingless bloodsucking parasitic insect noted for ability to leap.
grasshopper	A cocktail made of creme de menthe and cream (sometimes with creme de cacao).
hornet	Large stinging paper wasp.
housefly	Common fly that frequents human habitations and spreads many diseases.
infest	Live on or in a host, as of parasites. <i>The house is infested with cockroaches.</i>
insectivorous	(of an animal) feeding on insects, worms, and other invertebrates.
itch	A skin disease or condition of which itching is a symptom. <i>The bite itched like crazy.</i>
larva	The active immature form of an insect, especially one that differs greatly from the adult and forms the stage between egg and pupa, e.g. a caterpillar or grub.
louse	Wingless usually flattened bloodsucking insect parasitic on warm-blooded animals.
mite	A slight but appreciable amount.
mosquito	A slender long-legged fly with aquatic larvae. The bite of the bloodsucking female can transmit a number of serious diseases including malaria and elephantiasis.
moth	A clothes moth. <i>I store my sweaters in plastic bags to protect them from moths.</i>
nit	A luminance unit equal to 1 candle per square meter measured perpendicular to the rays from the source. <i>You stupid nit.</i>
pest	A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>An effective method for controlling insect pests.</i>
pesticide	A chemical used to kill pests (as rodents or insects).
scorpion	Used in names of arachnids and insects resembling a scorpion e g false scorpion water scorpion.

snail	Edible terrestrial snail usually served in the shell with a sauce of melted butter and garlic. <i>We went snailing in the summer.</i>
sparrow	Any of a number of birds that resemble true sparrows in size or colour.
<u>spider</u>	An object resembling a spider especially one having numerous or prominent legs or radiating spokes. <i>A treecreeper spidered head first down the tree trunk.</i>
tarantula	Large southern European spider once thought to be the cause of tarantism (uncontrollable bodily movement).
termite	A small, pale soft-bodied insect that lives in large colonies with several different castes, typically within a mound of cemented earth. Many kinds feed on wood and can be highly destructive to trees and timber.

