

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)

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

<b>cockroach</b>	Any of numerous chiefly nocturnal insects; some are domestic pests.
<b>dragonfly</b>	Slender-bodied non-stinging insect having iridescent wings that are outspread at rest; adults and nymphs feed on mosquitoes etc.
<b>exterminator</b>	A person or thing that destroys something completely. <i>He became an <b>exterminator</b> of pumas tracking them down in dark caverns.</i>
<b>flea</b>	Any wingless bloodsucking parasitic insect noted for ability to leap.
<b>grasshopper</b>	A cocktail made of creme de menthe and cream (sometimes with creme de cacao).
<b>hornet</b>	Large stinging paper wasp.
<b>housefly</b>	Common fly that frequents human habitations and spreads many diseases.
<b>infest</b>	Live on or in a host, as of parasites. <i>The house is <b>infested</b> with cockroaches.</i>
<b>insectivorous</b>	(of an animal) feeding on insects, worms, and other invertebrates.
<b>itch</b>	A skin disease or condition of which itching is a symptom. <i>The bite <b>itched</b> like crazy.</i>
<b>larva</b>	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.
<b>louse</b>	Wingless usually flattened bloodsucking insect parasitic on warm-blooded animals.
<b>mite</b>	A slight but appreciable amount.
<b>mosquito</b>	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.
<b>moth</b>	A clothes moth. <i>I store my sweaters in plastic bags to protect them from <b>moths</b>.</i>
<b>nit</b>	A luminance unit equal to 1 candle per square meter measured perpendicular to the rays from the source. <i>You stupid <b>nit</b>.</i>
<b>pest</b>	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 <b>pests</b>.</i>
<b>pesticide</b>	A chemical used to kill pests (as rodents or insects).
<b>scorpion</b>	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.  
*We went **snailing** in the summer.*
- sparrow** Any of a number of birds that resemble true sparrows in size or colour.
- spider** An object resembling a spider especially one having numerous or prominent legs or radiating spokes.  
*A treecreeper **spidered** head first down the tree trunk.*
- 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.

