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Focus Question

What do cockroaches need to survive?

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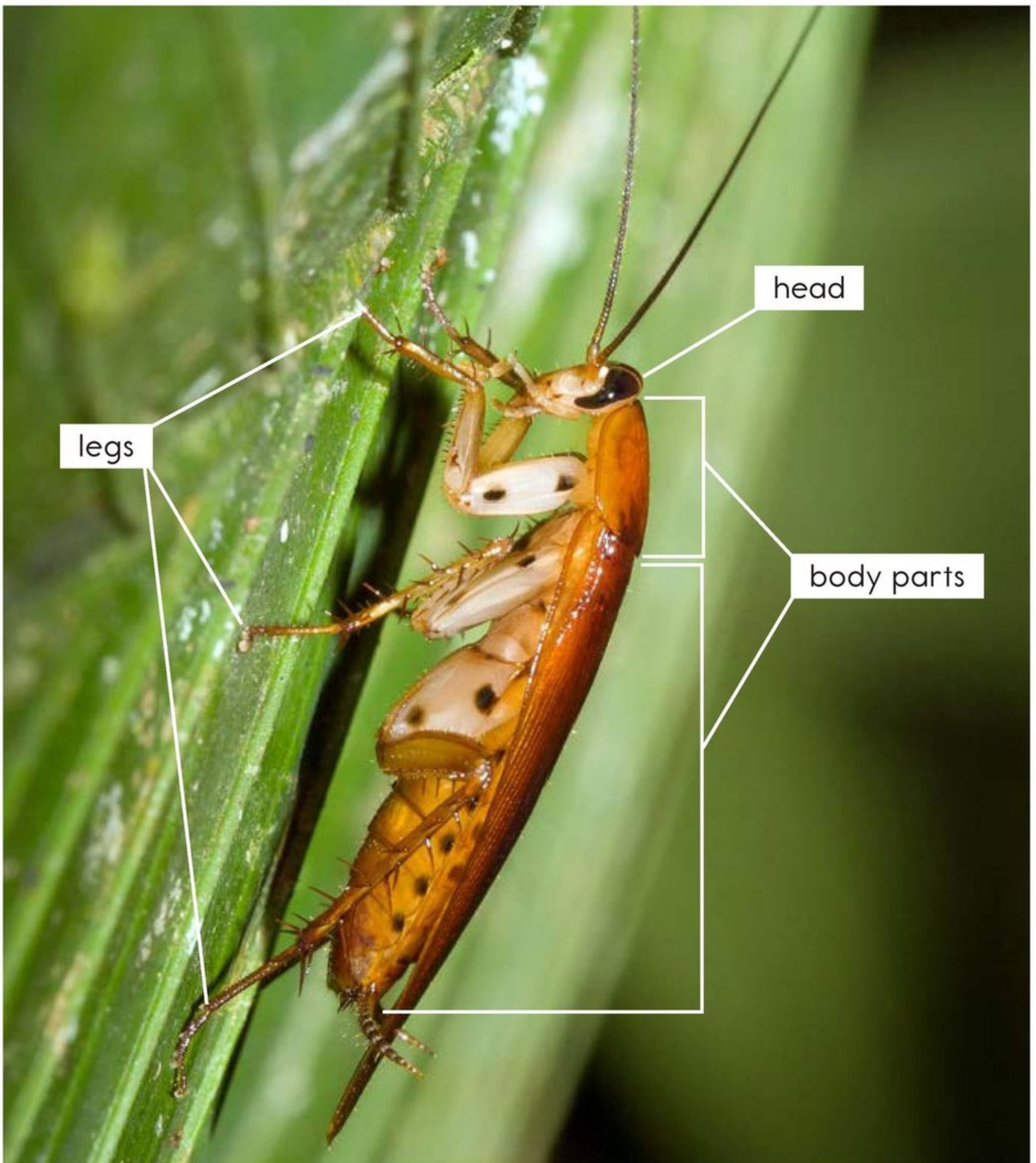
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Cockroaches Are Insects

Cockroaches are insects.

Insects have a head
and two body parts.

Insects have six legs, too.



Basic Needs of Cockroaches

Cockroaches have basic needs like other insects.

Basic needs include food, water, and air.



Air goes into a cockroach through its sides.



Air

Cockroaches can meet one basic need without a head!
Cockroaches can breathe through their sides.



Food




Cockroaches do not
need to eat every day.
Cockroaches cannot eat
without a head.



Water

Cockroaches do not need to drink every day.

Cockroaches cannot drink without a head.

Days Lived Without Food or Water	
American cockroach	28–42 days
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Surinam cockroach	11–24 days
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German cockroach	8–12 days
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* All cockroaches had their heads.

Staying Alive

Cockroaches can live for a while without eating.

Cockroaches can live for a while without drinking, too.



Cockroaches need to eat, drink, and breathe to meet their basic needs.

Cockroaches cannot live if these basic needs are not all met.



Cockroach Pests

Only a few cockroaches are pests.

Cockroaches that are pests can be trouble for people.



What Do You Think?

Many people think of cockroaches only as pests. Cockroaches can be amazing, too.

Cockroaches can live without a head!

Are cockroaches amazing or pests?



Cockroaches

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Connections

Writing

Answer the question at the end of this book: *Are cockroaches amazing or pests?* Give three details that support your answer.

Science

Design a habitat for a cockroach. Share your habitat with a partner.

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