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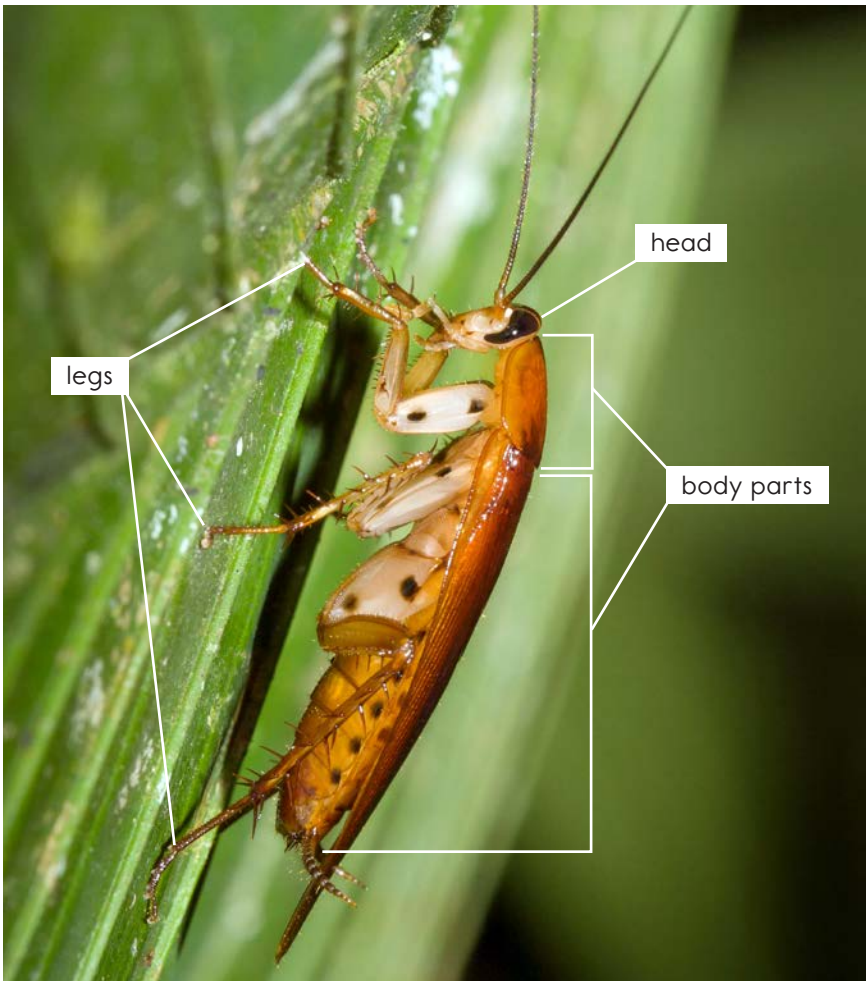
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## Focus Question

What do cockroaches need to survive?

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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.


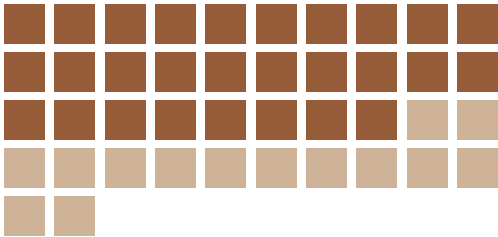

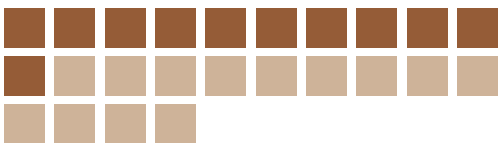




## **Water**

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
	
Surinam cockroach	11–24 days
	
German cockroach	8–12 days
	

\* 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?



## Words to Know

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### 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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