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# FRIEND OR FOE?



Read the descriptions of the insects below.

Are they a beneficial insect (friend) or a pest species (foe)?

Circle your answer for each insect.

## Bush bee

A native bee that is stingless and not aggressive. They are pollinators of many food crops, particularly melons, zucchini, cucumber and pumpkins.

Friend or foe?

## Aphid

There are different species of aphids. They suck the juice from leaves and stems. This causes the leaves to curl and change colour. They can stunt the plant's growth.

Friend or foe?

## Hover fly

The hover fly larvae (maggots) are predators of pests such as aphids, small caterpillars and whiteflies. Adult hover flies are pollinators of food plants, feeding on nectar and pollen.

Friend or foe?

## Green vegetable bug

A bug that sucks the sap from stems, leaves and fruit. They particularly like tomato, cucumber, asparagus and corn plants.

Friend or foe?

## Green lacewing

A native species found naturally in vegetable crops. Their prey includes aphids, moth eggs and caterpillars.

Friend or foe?

## Cluster caterpillar

A species that chews through the surface of leaves and feeds on flowers and fruit. They particularly like broccoli, cabbage & tomato plants.

Friend or foe?

What are some of the different ways that beneficial insects help plants?

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# DIGGING DEEPER

Choose a beneficial insect to research.

Insect name:

Description:

Draw this insect:

How is this insect beneficial  
to plants?

Name:



# DIGGING DEEPER

Choose a pest insect to research.

Insect name:

Description:

Draw this insect:

How does this insect  
damage plants?