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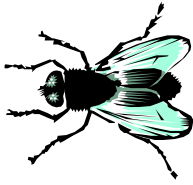
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Answers:

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Pests are organisms which are found out of place that can damage our home, health or garden. Mosquitoes, Rodents, and weeds such as dandelions are a few examples.

2. What were some of the early forms of pest control in Egypt and China?

Cats in Egypt were used to protect grains from rodents; nicotine from the tobacco plant was used in China to kill unwanted insects on crops.

3. Name four kinds of pesticides and the pests they aim to kill.

An herbicide kills weeds; a rodenticide kills rodents; a fungicide kills fungi and an insecticide kills insects.

4. What are some ways that we can control pests in our home without the use of toxic chemicals?

Use kitchen spices to stop ants; put dog and cat food dishes in water; use old-fashioned mouse-traps, etc.

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Ladybugs and wasps eat unwanted insects. Using mulch and weeding by hand helps to keep out weeds. Also, letting nature do the work for us by using the right soil and correct amount of water helps to avoid pest outbreaks in the first place.