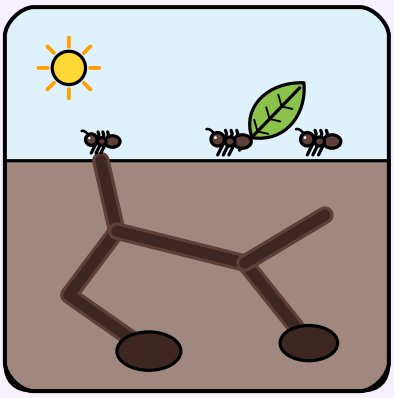
Ants Work as a Team

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Word Bank: colonies queens female antennae

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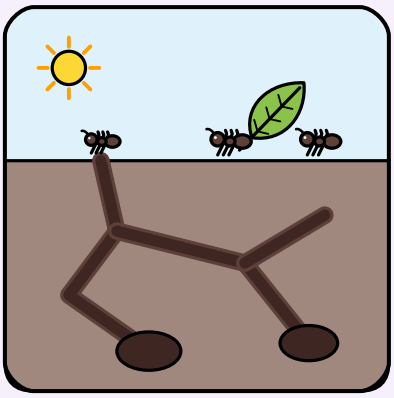
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Answer Key



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