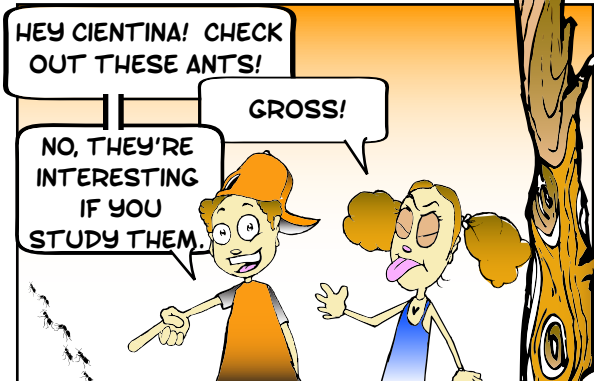
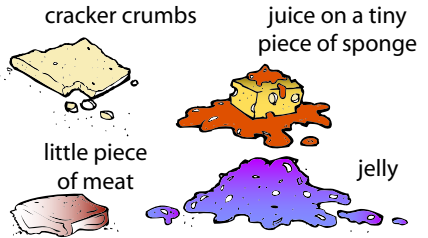


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INVESTIGATING ANTS!



I'M TESTING TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF FOOD THEY EAT. I PUT SOME FOOD NEAR AN ANT TRAIL.

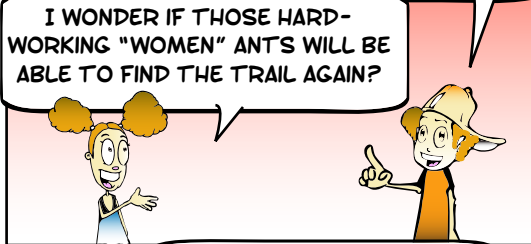


Just don't touch them—especially if they're big red ants.

THIS STICK IS LIKE A GIANT TREE TO THEM. I WONDER WHAT THEY'LL DO IF IT BLOCKS THEIR TRAIL?

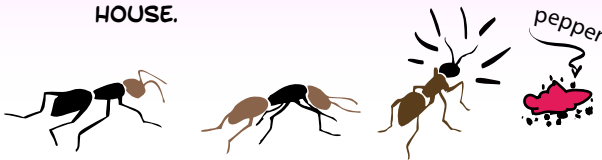


I HEARD THEY LEAVE A CHEMICAL TRAIL FOR OTHER ANTS TO FOLLOW WITH THEIR ANTENNAE. I ALSO HEARD THAT THE WORKERS ARE ALL FEMALE.



WE COULD DO SOME TESTS TO FIND OUT THINGS ANTS DON'T LIKE. MAYBE THOSE THINGS WILL KEEP THEM OUT OF OUR HOUSE.

LET'S PUT SOME ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE ANT TRAIL AND SEE WHAT THEY DO.



You can try some safe things from the house, like spices, baking soda, or chalk dust.

HEY CIENTINA! LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T THINK ANTS ARE SO BAD NOW.

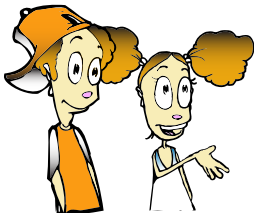
YEAH, I REALIZED US STRONG WOMEN SHOULD STICK TOGETHER!



SO WHAT?

Although many people dislike insects, they are fascinating organisms.

Ants and bees have complex social structures that scientists are always learning more about. Scientific observation skills are used by field biologists to study many kinds of animals in the wild.



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