

ENTOMOLOGIST FOR A DAY

An entomologist is someone who studies insects. Use your five senses to study and understand the periodical cicada.



SIGHT

What does the cicada look like? What color is it? Does it have any markings? Unusual body parts? How big is it? Use a pencil or other art supplies to draw a periodical cicada. Use the ruler below to measure the parts of the cicada's anatomy.



SIGHT (continued)

What else do you notice about the cicada? How is it acting? What is it doing? How does it interact with other animals? When did they appear?



SOUND

What do cicadas sound like? When do they make their sound? Why?



TASTE

Yes, you can eat them. But you might instead want to note how other animals are reacting to having so many cicadas around.



TOUCH

What does the cicada feel like? How much does it weigh? Is it soft or hard? Warm or cold? Do the wings feel different from its body? If yes, how? What about their shed exoskeleton?



SMELL

What does a cicada smell like?
