

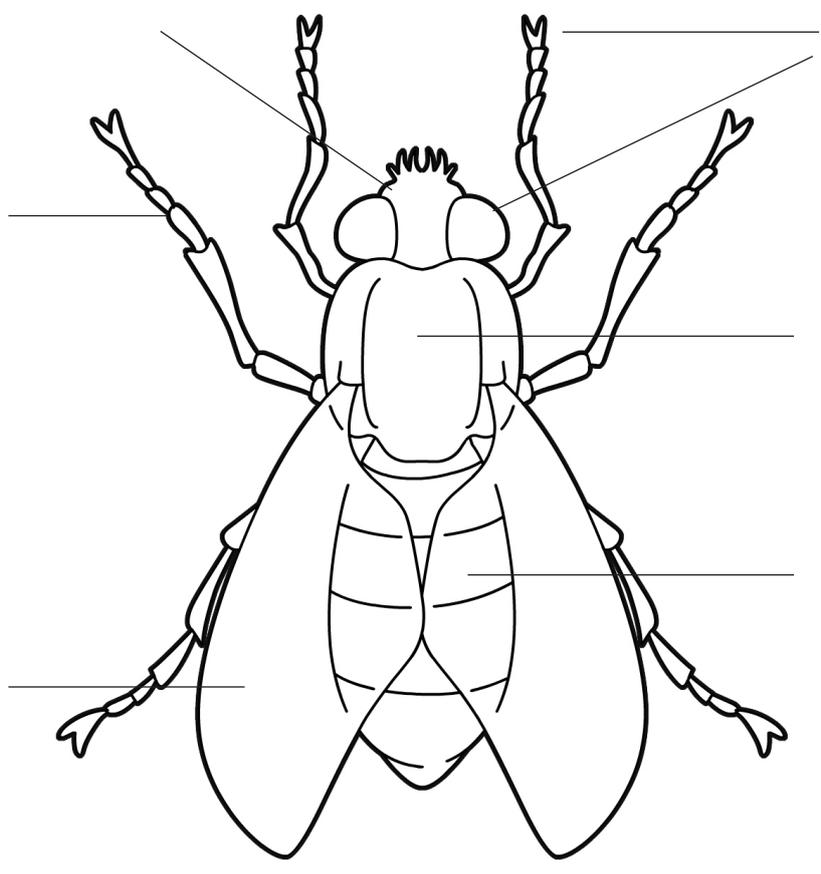
The House Fly – Friend or Foe?

Name: _____

The house fly is an insect well-known to most of us. These pests get their name from being the most common insect found around our homes. Did you know that these insects have been known to carry over 100 different kinds of disease-causing germs? The female fly deposits her eggs on decayed, fermenting or rotting garbage of either animal or vegetable origin, and from then on they spread germs wherever they go. Label the fly using the words in the word bank.

WORD BANK

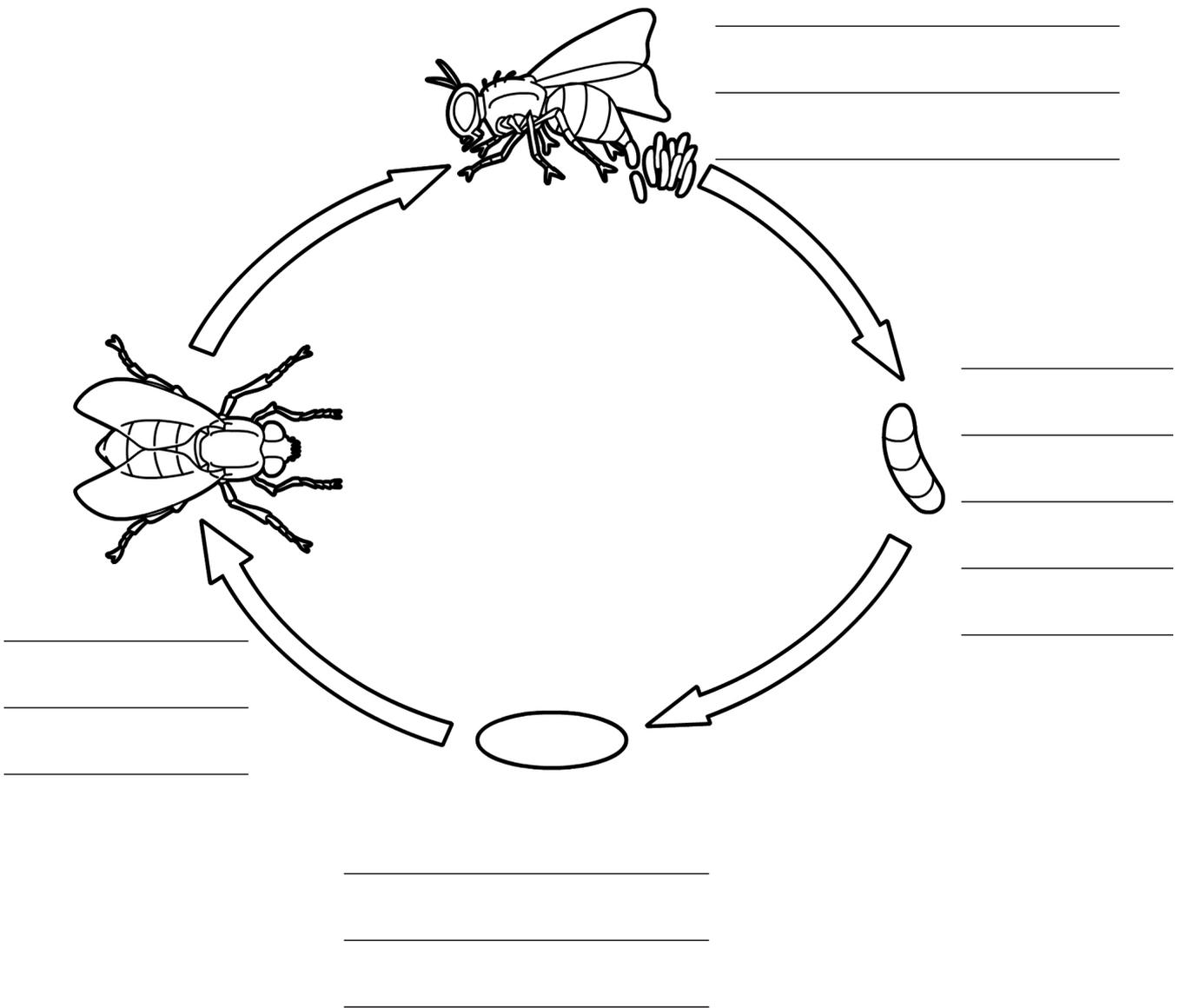
- thorax
- wings
- abdomen
- head
- compound eyes
- antennae
- legs



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Every creature goes through different stages in its life. The female fly lays 250 eggs that look like white grains of rice. Within 24 hours the egg becomes a pale white larva that looks like a worm. The larva eats and grows for five days until it changes into a pupa. The pupa changes into a fly in 3-6 days and within 2-3 days the female is ready to lay eggs! Look at the lifecycle drawing below. Fill in the missing information.

LIFE CYCLE OF THE HOUSE FLY



How can you keep your home free of house flies? Discuss this with a friend.