

# Ants on Parade

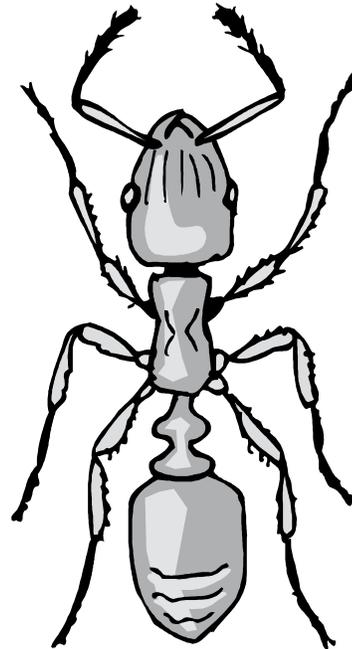
**Note:** Full sheets of **Compare Ants** and the **Ant Graphing Unit** are available at [www.projectwild.org/GrowingUpWILD.htm](http://www.projectwild.org/GrowingUpWILD.htm).

**Directions:** Make a transparency of **Compare Ants**, or make a copy for each child. Lead a discussion about the similarities and differences between the two illustrations. Point out that cartoons often do not accurately represent reality. Many times they make animals seem more like people. Reinforce true insect characteristics.

## Compare Ants



**Cartoon Ant**



**Ant**

### Other Questions to Consider

- ✿ Why do you think ants are so small?
- ✿ What do you think it would be like to live in an ant colony?
- ✿ Would you rather be the queen, a male or a worker? Why?
- ✿ How is an ant community like a human community?

#### **Ideas to Consider** (not exhaustive list):

Ants and people have same basic needs: food, water, shelter, space, sanitation, care of young, etc.

Ant colonies have different chambers for different purposes, similar to our houses/neighborhoods (nursery chamber = child's room or daycare center; food storage chamber = refrigerator or grocery store; etc.)

Different ants in a colony have different jobs like different people in a household/neighborhood have different jobs.

- ✿ Who do you think is stronger, an ant or you?  
Though people are stronger in absolute terms, ants are much stronger relative to their body size. Ants can carry objects many times their size and weight in their mouths.

### Ant Graphing Unit

