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Antlion Quiz

1. This insect is called the antlion because _____.
 - a. the adult flies are lion parasites
 - b. its larva looks like a miniature lion
 - c. its larva captures and eats ants
 - d. the adult is a meat eater that hunts like a lion

2. Antlions undergo complete metamorphosis with egg, larva, pupa, and _____ stages.
 - a. parasite
 - b. nymph
 - c. caterpillar
 - d. adult

3. Antlion females lay eggs singly _____.
 - a. in the sand
 - b. on leaves
 - c. in the water
 - d. on rotten lo

4. A newly hatched antlion larva _____.
 - a. rests on the water surface
 - b. clings on a twig to dry
 - c. digs a pit in the dry soil
 - d. hides in a mud puddle

5. The antlion pit is constructed _____.
 - a. to trap prey
 - b. to protect the larva from the sun
 - c. to store food
 - d. to lay eggs in

6. To dig the funnel-shaped pit, the antlion _____.
 - a. moves forward
 - b. moves backward
 - c. uses its antennae
 - d. uses its jaws

7. When an ant or other crawling insect falls in the trap, the antlion _____.
 - a. catches it in its jaws
 - b. uses its mandibles to chew the prey
 - c. snares the prey in a web
 - d. runs up the side of the pit to attack the prey

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8. Antlion larval stages are called _____.
 - a. caterpillars
 - b. nymphs
 - c. maggots
 - d. instars

9. The adult antlion emerges from its cocoon as a _____.
 - a. lacewing
 - b. moth
 - c. butterfly
 - d. beetle

10. Adult antlions resemble small damselflies, but can be distinguished by _____.
 - a. their wing spots
 - b. two pairs of short, broad wings
 - c. their knobbed antennae
 - d. six eyes on each side of their heads

11. Another name for an antlion larva is _____.
 - a. a tiger beetle
 - b. a doodlebug
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