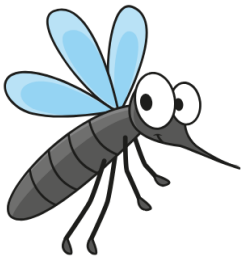
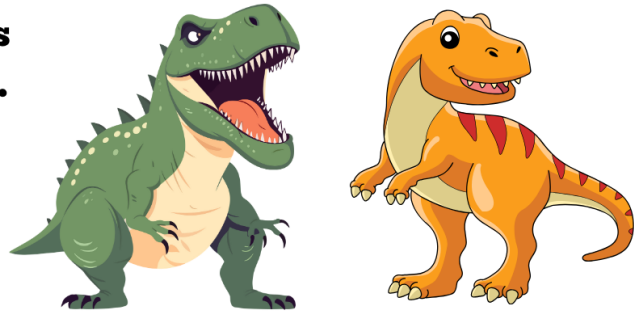




# Introducing: The Mosquito

**Mosquitoes have been with us since the age of the dinosaurs. That means they have been around for at least 120 million years!**



**Unless they get smacked while trying to get a blood donation from an unwilling donor, mosquitoes can live for 5 to 6 months! That's a long time for an insect!**

**Did you know that only female mosquitoes bite people? They are attracted to us by how we smell, the carbon dioxide in our breath, and the lactic acid in our sweat. They need our blood to produce their eggs and provide them with protein. Male mosquitoes only feast on flower nectar.**

**How fast do you think a mosquito can fly?**

- (A) - 1 - 1.5 MPH. (C) - 8 MPH.  
(B) - 4 - 5 MPH. (D) - 12 MPH.



**Did you know that there are over 3,000 species of mosquitoes?**



**Mosquitoes don't have teeth either. They have a needle-like proboscis that is used to penetrate the skin when drawing blood or for removing yummy nectar from a flower.**

**The word "mosquito" is Spanish for little fly.**

**Mosquitoes kill more people than any other creature on the face of the Earth because of all the diseases (malaria, dengue fever, Zika virus, and West Nile virus) they may be carrying.**



**Female mosquitoes have hearty appetites!**



**They can drink their entire body weight in blood during a single meal. So if you weigh 80 pounds, imagine eating 80 pounds of food for dinner. That's how much you'd need to consume to keep up with the female mosquito!**

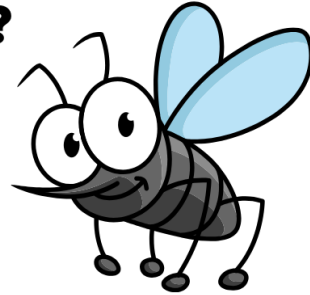
**Here's a joke for you:**

**What's the difference between a mosquito and a fly?**



## **Ever wonder how the mosquito makes that buzzing sound?**

**The mosquito flaps its wings 300 - 600 times per second, causing the buzzing sound you hear just before it lands on you!**



## **Mosquitoes need water to breed but...**



**... not very much. Just a few inches of water is all it takes for a female to deposit her eggs. The eggs can develop quickly in birdbaths, roof gutters, old tires and sometimes even in a puddle left after a rainstorm.**

**Did you know that a full moon can increase mosquito activity by 500%? That is because mosquitoes look around for their next meal, which is much easier to do when the moon is full.**



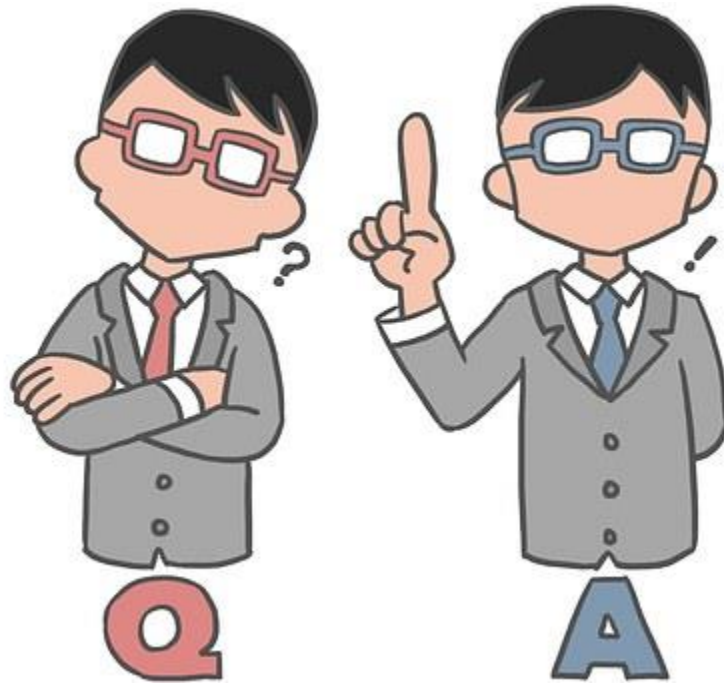
## **Solve the Riddle:**

**Who do you call when mosquitoes attack?  
Unscramble the following letters to solve this riddle:**

**T W S A**

**THE \_ \_ \_ \_ Team!**

# Answer Key



**How fast do you think a mosquito can fly?**

**(A) – 1 to 1.5 Miles Per Hour.**

**What's the difference between a mosquito and a fly?**

**A mosquito can fly, but a fly can't mosquito!**

**Who do you call when mosquitoes attack?**

**The SWAT Team!**

## ***So Long for Now***

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