Scientist tests insect stings on himself

Have you ever been stung by a bee? *(Yes, a bee stung me when I was...)*

Vocabulary

1. describe 2. insect 3. cautious 4. humorously 5. spark 6. intense

True Story

The Schmidt Sting Pain Index is a special list made by Dr. Justin Schmidt. He is a scientist who loves studying insects. Amazingly, he tested many _____ stings on himself! He wanted to share with people how different insect stings feel. Instead of just using numbers, Dr. Schmidt chose words to _____ each pain.

The sweat bee gives a small sting, feeling like a tiny _____ on your arm. But the bald-faced hornet is stronger, making you feel as if a heavy door closed on your hand. The tarantula hawk, a type of wasp, has a sting that Dr. Schmidt _____ described as "a running hair dryer dropped into your bubble bath."

However, the most _____ sting comes from the bullet ant. He felt it was like walking on hot coals with a sharp nail poking your foot. Dr. Schmidt's list is a helpful guide, teaching us which insects to be _____ around.

Quiz

1. What is the name of Dr. Schmidt's special list?
2. What does the sting of a sweat bee feel like?
3. Which insect has the most intense sting?

True or False

1. Dr. Schmidt chose numbers to describe each pain. True | False
2. The sting of a bald-faced hornet is like a hair dryer dropped into your bubble bath. True | False
3. Dr. Schmidt's list teaches us which insects to be careful around. True | False

Conversation

A: Next up, the Japanese hornet. Are you ready?
B: Bring it on! ... Oh! Ow! Ow-wow-wow!
A: What does it feel like, Doctor?
B: It's like a hot match just burned my arm!
A: Excellent! How would you rate it?
B: I give it a 2 out of 4. Okay. What's next?

Discussion

1. Have you ever been stung by an insect? How did it feel?
2. What insects are you most afraid of? Which ones do you like?
3. If you were a scientist, what would you like to research?

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