

PERIODICAL CICADAS



Q1. Look at the opening paragraph (in the red box).
a) Where in the world will you find periodical cicadas?

b) Name the two insects they look like.

Q2. a) How many species of cicadas are periodical?

b) Why are they called periodical?

Q3. Complete the grid below, selecting the information from the whole text.

Information	Number/size, etc.
The number of species of cicadas in the world.	
How often periodical cicadas come out of the ground as adults.	
How long the adults live for.	
	1.5 million
	17.9°C

- Q4.** What does the word 'brood' mean when referring to periodical cicadas?
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- Q5.** How do headings such as 'Larval lifestyle' and 'Time machines' enhance the text?
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- Q6.** What do you think the word 'generation' means in the section 'Worth the wait'?
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- Q7.** Look at the paragraph labelled 'Prime time'. Explain why they emerge at 13-year or 17-year intervals.
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- Q8.** How big are they?
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- Q9.** Why does the speech bubble say 'Yawn! Is it that time already?!'?
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- Q10.** Decide whether each statement is true or false, using the whole text. Write either True or False in the answer box.

Statement	True or false
All cicadas are periodical.	
They only emerge every 13 or 17 years.	
They are a type of insect.	
One brood will emerge in 2024.	
Adult periodical cicadas have a long life span.	

