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Introduction

Cockroaches are insects.

Cockroaches live in many places.

There are about 4,000 different kinds on Earth.

You might have already had one or two of them visit your home.

Cockroaches get their name from the Spanish word *cucaracha*. The word means *a kind of beetle*.



Cockroaches feeding on cake that people left out overnight

Where Cockroaches Live

Cockroaches live mostly in warm, dark places. They do not do well in the cold because it makes them slow.

So, they live mostly in places on Earth that have hot and mild climates.

Cockroaches are active at night, or nocturnal.

Some cockroaches live where there are people. They hide in walls and under floors. At night, they come out to look for food.

A close-up photograph of two cockroaches on a weathered wooden plank. The wood has a reddish-brown stain and visible grain. One cockroach is positioned higher than the other, both facing towards the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

Cockroaches hide in warm, dark places and come out at night to look for food.

When cockroaches come into houses,
people call them pests.
Then people must get rid of them.
They use poison to kill the cockroaches.

Many cockroaches live in the bush.
They hide under leaves, logs, and stones.

Many cockroaches live alone.
But some cockroaches live in groups
called colonies.

This colony of bush cockroaches
does not bother people.

Some people use a special spray
to control cockroaches.