

Morning Starters: Spring 2 - Sahara Desert

Word Challenge

Dung beetles have 3 main body parts: a head, a thorax and an abdomen.

Find and list the 3-syllable words that appear in the ‘Did you know?’ paragraph.

Example: an-te-lobes

Grammar Challenge

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because	whenever	while	after
unless	before	although	until

Rewrite the following sentences as a single sentence, using the ‘best’ conjunction from the list above.

A dung beetle is small. It can carry many times its body weight.

Did You Know?

Dung beetles are desert insects with a surprising favourite food – dung! The dung comes from animals like camels and antelopes that live in the desert. When a beetle finds a fresh pile, it quickly rolls part of it into a ball and skilfully pushes it across the sand to bury it. Scientists have discovered that these clever insects use the light of the Milky Way to help them navigate, making sure they roll their dung balls in straight lines.



Credit: BBC One - Africa

Number Challenge

Fact: Some dung beetles can roll dung balls 50 times their own weight!

Multiply each number in the grid below by 50.

½	10	4	40
20	2.5	100	5

Critical Thinking

What does a a solar-powered dune buggy and dung beetle have in common?



Try to think of something that no-one else will have thought of.