Insects: Friend or Foe?

What are they? They creep, crawl, jump, fly, buzz, chirp, and they may even sting or bite. They have too many legs (usually six), wriggly feelers (antennae), and hardly anyone considers them cute or cuddly. But there are more of these than any other animal, and more than a million different kinds.

Polyphemus moth
Caterpillar

Black widow spider

Lubber grasshopper
Nymph

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http://entomology.ifas.ufl.edu/creatures
Most people are surprised to learn that most insects are beneficial and serve an important role in our environment. Only a small number of insects are pests. Can you recognize common pest and beneficial insects?

PESTS
- Stinkbug
- Lubber grasshopper
- Treehopper
- Termites
- Bean leafroller
- Black widow

BENEFICIALS
- Viceroy butterfly
- Carpenter bee
- Ladybird beetle
- Polyphemus moth caterpillar