



NO NO, MOSQUITO!

*Fun and Games with
Mosquitoes*



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Say **No** To Mosquitoes!

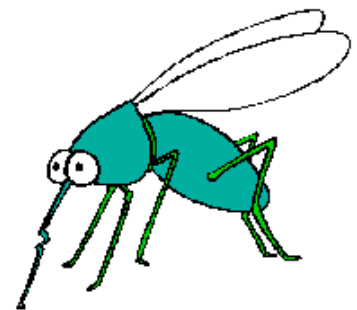
Mosquitoes need standing water in which to grow, from egg to larva to pupa and finally to hatch into a full grown mosquito. You can keep this from happening by not letting this water stay around your yard for more than a few days:

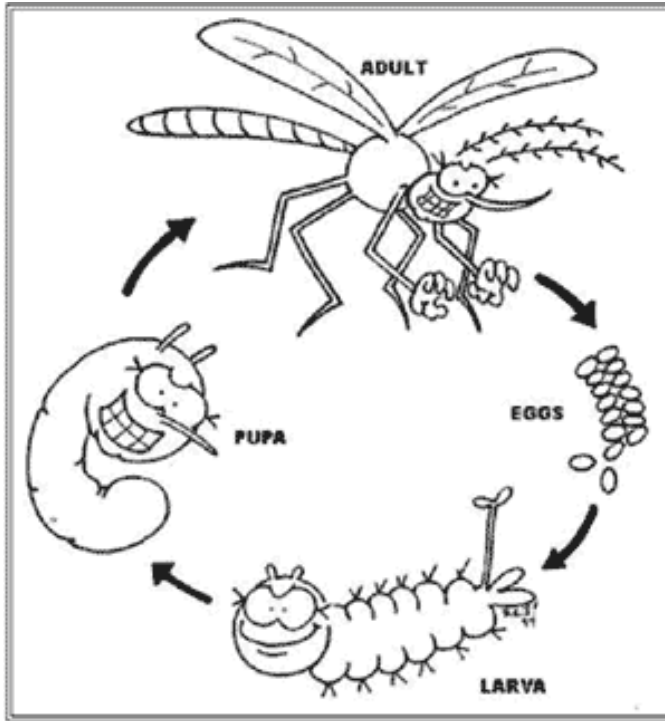
- Birdbaths – Change the water at least once a week
- Containers – Empty them, turn them over or get rid of them! These include buckets, barrels, boats, pots, saucers, toys, etc.
- Bromeliads and other hollow-stemmed plants – Rinse them with clean water at least once a week
- Discarded tires – Dispose of them or cover to keep water out
- Swimming pools and spas – Keep them well maintained, or cover them when not in use (but make sure water does not collect on *top* of the covers!)
- Rain gutters – Keep them clear of leaves and dirt so they don't get clogged and hold rain water
- Fish ponds – keep them healthy and stocked with fish, which will eat mosquito eggs and larva
- Catchbasins and storm drains – Call us if you suspect that mosquitoes are coming from these sources

Keep reading for more information and fun games to play!



*Circle all the places
around the house
and yard where mosquitoes
might lay their eggs.*

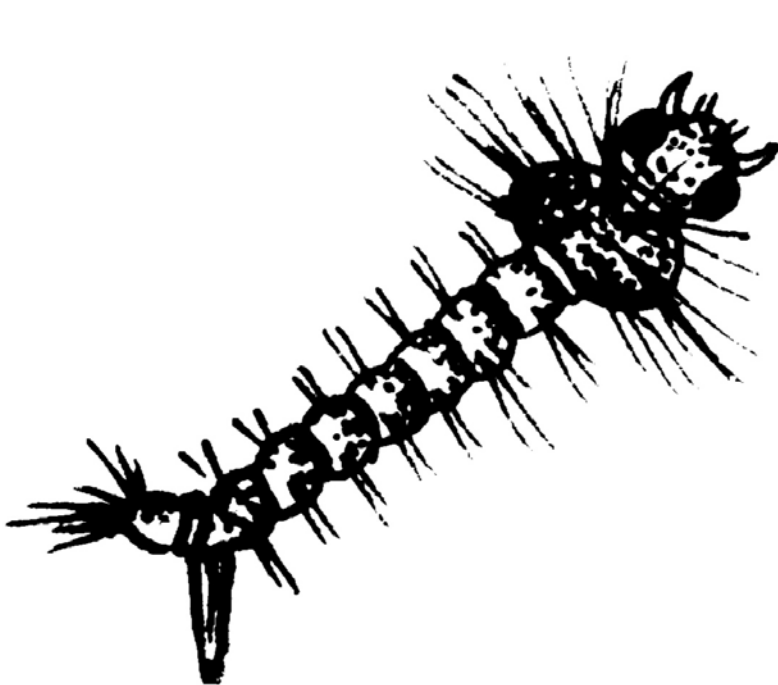




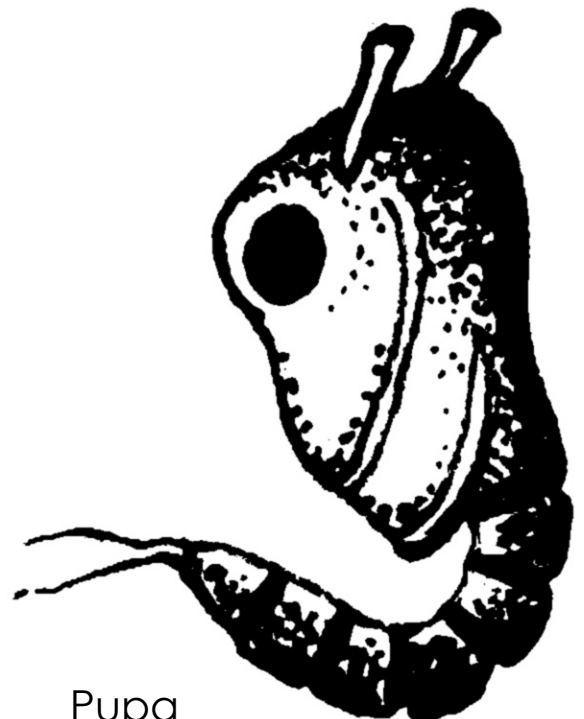
*Which came first,
The Mosquito
Or the Egg?*

No one really knows for sure. But what we **do** know is that mosquitoes go through four stages of growth: Eggs hatch into

larva, which curl up into pupa, which then split open, and out climbs a full grown mosquito! This whole process takes anywhere from days to weeks, depending upon outside temperatures. The warmer it is, the faster they grow! Here are some “baby” mosquitoes for you to color.



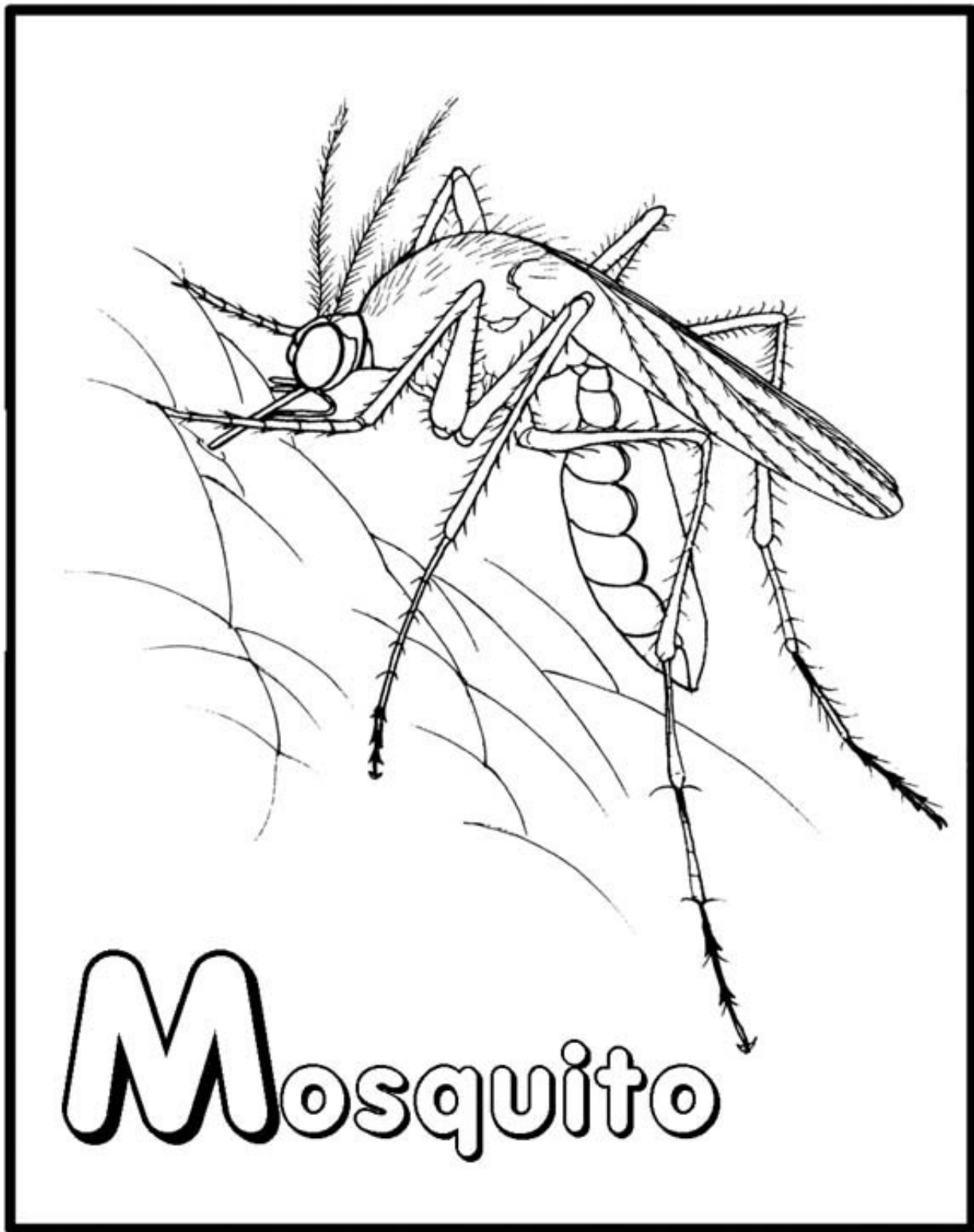
Larva



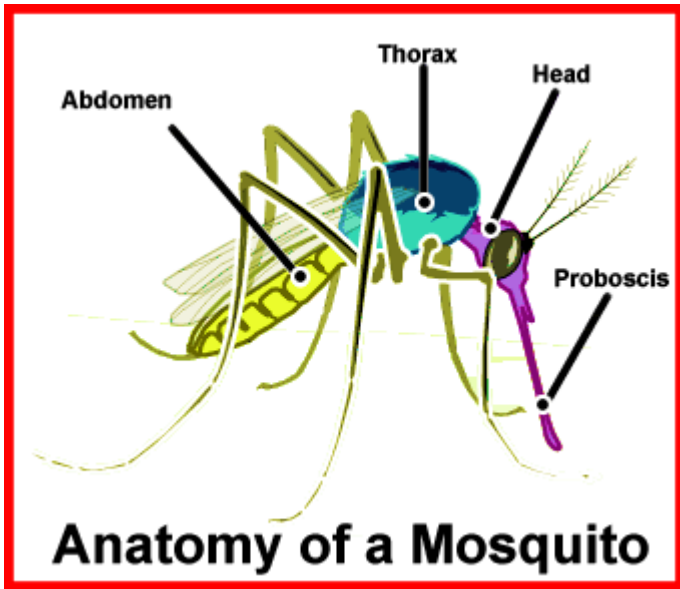
Pupa



When it's time to hatch, the pupa case splits open, and the mosquito climbs out, rests on top of the water long enough to dry its wings, and then it flies away!

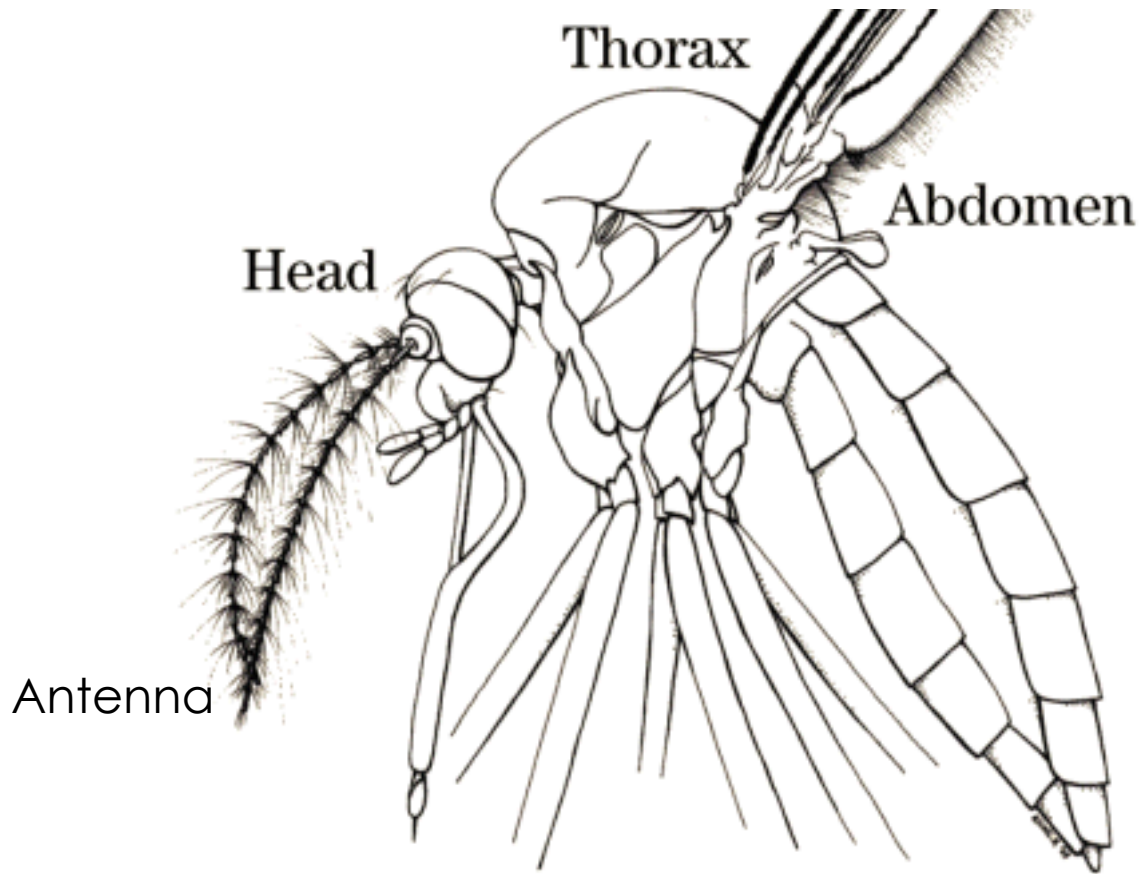


Mosquitoes actually have many different colors. What colors will you use on this one?



Mosquitoes have three main body parts: The abdomen, thorax, and head. They have one set of wings and six legs. They also have two antennae; male mosquitoes have much more hairs on

their antennae (like beards!) The proboscis is what they use to suck your blood!



Can you tell if this mosquito is a boy or a girl?



Connect the dots and see what's waiting to bite you!