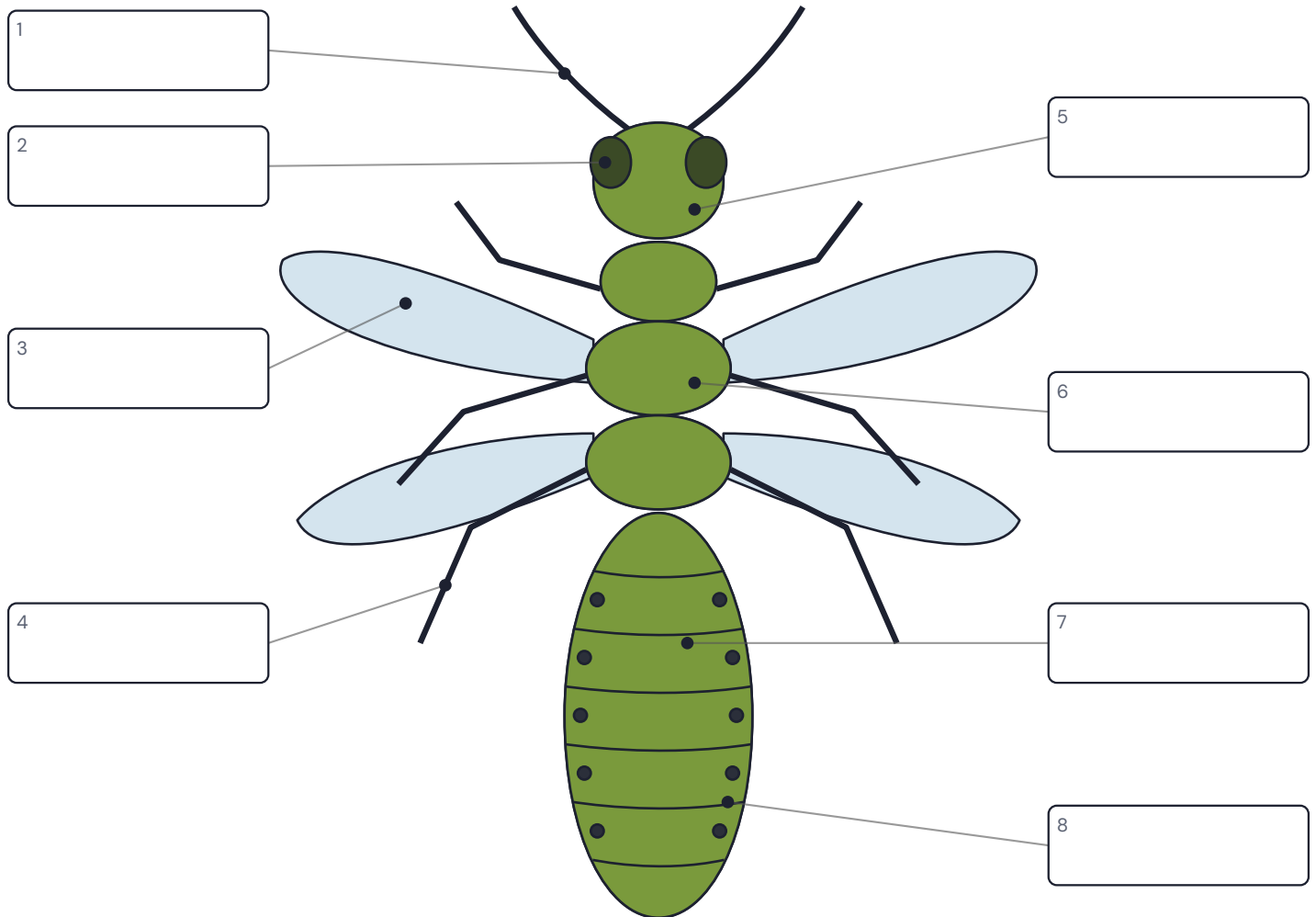


Parts of an insect

Write the name of each part in its box. The word bank has the names.

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Word bank

Abdomen

Antenna

Compound eye

Head

Leg

Spiracle

Thorax

Wing

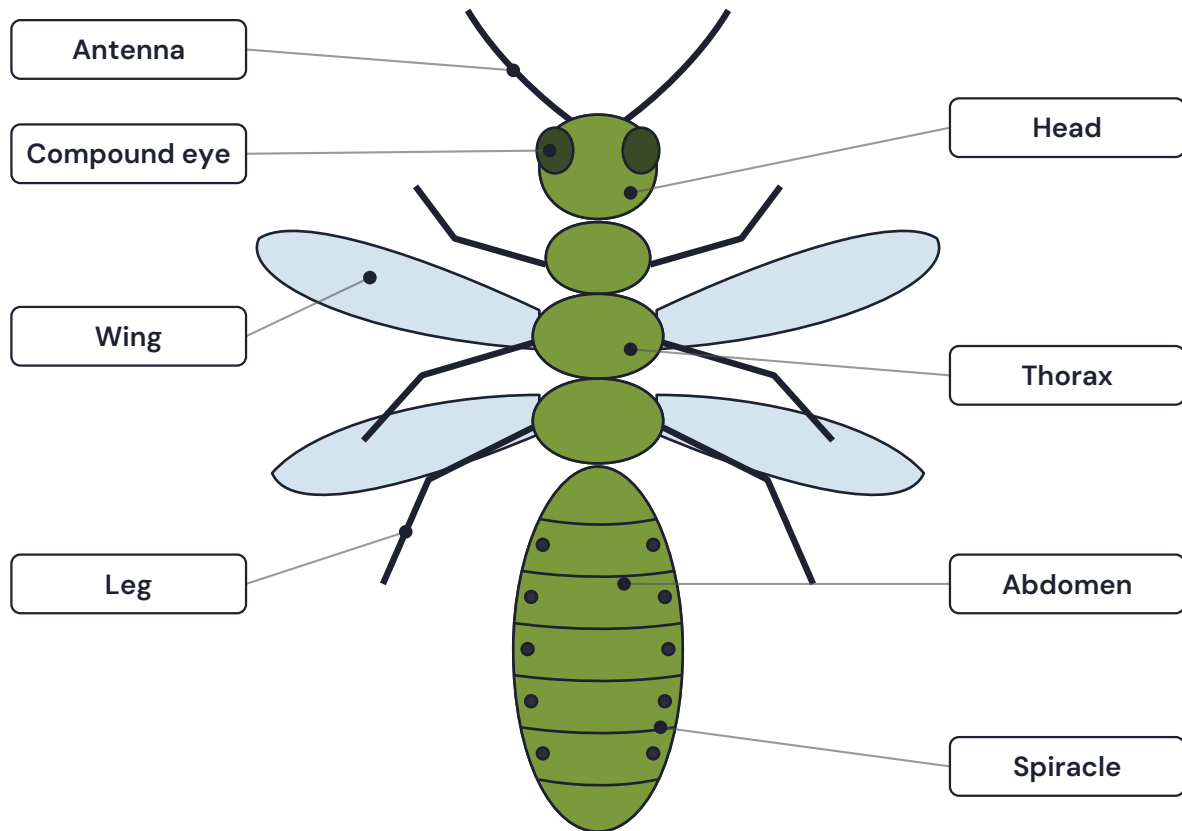
1. How many legs does an adult insect have?

2. Which part of the body are the legs and wings joined to?

3. What does an insect take in oxygen through?

Parts of an insect: answer key

An adult insect seen from above, with its eight parts labelled.



Antenna

One of a pair of feelers on the head. Antennae are used mostly to smell, and also to sense wind and vibrations.

Leg

An adult insect has six legs, three pairs: one pair on each segment of the thorax.

Abdomen

The back part of the body. It holds the organs that digest food and the ones used to reproduce.

Compound eye

A large eye made of many small lenses. It is good at seeing movement.

Head

The front part of the body. It has the antennae, the eyes and the mouthparts.

Spiracle

One of the tiny openings along the sides of the body. The insect takes in oxygen through them.

Wing

Most adult insects have two pairs of wings, joined to the last two segments of the thorax. Flies have only one pair.

Thorax

The middle part of the body, in three segments. The legs and wings are joined to it.

Is a spider an insect? No: a spider has eight legs and no antennae, and its head and thorax are one part.
Answers: 1. Six. 2. The thorax. 3. Its spiracles, the tiny openings along its sides.