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Buzzing Clocks: Exploring the Lifespan of Bugs

Short Answer Key

1. The stages of a bug's life cycle are egg, larva, pupa, and adult.
2. Mayflies typically live for only a few hours to a few days as adults, while queen ants and termite queens can live for many years.
3. Factors such as food availability, predators, and environmental conditions can influence the lifespan of a bug.
4. Common insects and their typical adult lifespans include houseflies (a few weeks), mosquitoes (a few weeks to a few months), and beetles (several weeks to several months).
5. Bugs play roles as pollinators, decomposers, and prey for other animals. They are important for maintaining the balance of ecosystems by contributing to nutrient cycling and serving as a food source for other organisms.

