

The House Eaters

Ter·mite^s are lit·tle in·sect^s. They are a·bout a^s small a^s ant^s. They may not **be** large, but they can d^o much harm. Ter·mite^s **eat** pa·per, cloth, and wood. They can **eat** right through a book from co·ver to co·ver. They **eat** chair^s and ta·ble^s and wall^s of hou·se^s, t^{oo}.

Ter·mite^s live in Cit·ie^s, or nest^s, the way ant^s d^o. **E**ach nest ha^s a king and queen and man·y work·er^s and sol·dier^s. The young king^s and queen^s have wing^s for a short time. They **use** them on·ly once. They fly to find a new home. Once they move in, they ne·ver fly out a·gain.

Ter·mite^s are found most·ly in pla·ce^s where it i^s warm. Some kind^s live un·der·ground. Some kind^s live in wood. No mat·ter where they **make** their home^s, they al·way^s d^o much harm.