

## **ERFURT EXCHANGE 2005**

### **Insects**

There are many insects that sting. We're going to show you a few.

But watch closely - which of them doesn't sting?

This is a bumble bee. They only sting when they're in great danger.

The queen bee lays her eggs in early summer. Supplied with a wax bowl filled with nectar, she lays on her eggs.

Then the worker bees hatch and, soon after, they make their first flight.

That very peaceful, isn't it?

Sting you? Only in the utmost emergency.

This insect frightens people much more than the bumble bee does: the hornet.

But even hornets never attack people. If they do sting, it's only to defend themselves or their young, or if their nest is attacked. But their poison is no stronger than that of a bee or a wasp.

Devil's needle, Devil's arrow... These are names for the dragonfly.

But this insect is completely harmless: it doesn't even have a sting.

The male is constantly in the air, showing off his flying skills to defend his territory.

During mating, he grabs the female by the neck and they take off for a honeymoon flight together.

There's absolutely no need to fear dragon flies... Unless ... you are a tadpole!

Wasps and bees have a sting.

Here, a field wasp has laid her eggs in the nest she has made.

The cuckoo bee finds herself a ready-made nest.

She wants to protect her babies too, of course!

If they are threatened, she will sting to defend them.

Which insect can't sting at all? You surely know that now!