



Lesson 2: Pesky Pests and Household Hazards

Visual Card #1 Detective

What have you observed about the pest?

- There are scratches on the floor and baseboards.
- There is a hole in the back of the room that is a couple of inches in size. (Mice can fit through a hole the size of a pencil!)
- There are little droppings.
- Several pieces of food have had small bites taken out of them recently.
- Someone in the building saw a mouse a few days ago.





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Visual Card #2 Mouse

Why are you in our space?

- It's warm in the winter and cool in the summer in here. No rain, wind, or snow.
- I like snacks and there is lots of food around.
- After I have a snack, I like a drink of water and there's always fresh water here.

Mouse, what would you do if we took away these things?

- I'd look for another place that has these things.
- But I might still live in this space and get my food and water someplace else. It's cozy here!





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Visual Card #3 Cockroach

Why are you in our space?

- There are always snacks around here and I really like to munch on people food.
- After a snack I like to take a sip of water and there's usually water to be found around here.
- I'm nice and small and there are lots of tiny cracks in the floors and walls where I can build nests and have lots of babies.

Cockroach, what would you do if we took away these things?

- I might look for another place that had these things.
- I'm pretty small though so people would need to be really careful about the food they left out if they wanted me to leave.





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Visual Card #4 **Fly**

Why are you in our space?

- I like room to roam and this is a nice big space.
- Plus there's food left in trashcans and on the floor that I can eat.
- It can get really cold or really hot outside; in here it's a nice constant temperature.

Fly, what would you do if we took away these things?

- Well if the food was gone I'd have to look for another way to eat.
- I'd probably head out in search of another spot.





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Visual Card #5 Ant

Why are you in our space?

- I have a very large family that I live with so we need a place with little cracks we can squeeze through. We are teeny tiny but there are a lot of us.
- There is plentiful food. We don't have large stomachs, so a little goes a long way with us.
- There's also water to drink whenever we want it.

Ant, what would you do if we took away these things?

- My family and I might look for another place that had these things.
- But we also might stick around and look for food farther away.

