

A Walk on the Ceiling

House flies can be real pests. They can also carry germs. But they can be very interesting to just watch.

Did you ever see a house fly walk on the ceiling? Did you wonder how house flies could do that? Like other insects, all flies have six legs. Each leg ends in a claw. The claw helps all kinds of flies hold on to walls and ceilings.

But a house fly has something else. Each of its claws has a little pad. When the house fly walks on something smooth, the pads become flat. The pads also give off a sticky liquid. This liquid acts like a glue. It holds the house fly to the ceiling.

Would you like to be like a house fly?
Would you like to walk on the ceiling, too?

1. What helps house flies walk on ceilings?
2. Why should you never let flies walk on your food?