Definition of bug

1 bug noun  | \b\eg\n
Origin and Etymology of bug

Middle English bugge hobgoblin; probably akin to Low German böge goblin

First Known Use: 14th century

Definition of bug

1 a : an insect or other creeping or crawling small invertebrate (as a spider or centipede) b : any of several insects (as a bedbug or head louse) commonly considered obnoxious c : any of an order (Hemiptera and especially its suborder Heteroptera) of insects that have sucking mouthparts, forewings thickened at the base, and incomplete metamorphosis and are often economic pests—called also true bug

2 : an unexpected defect, fault, flaw, or imperfection • the software was full of bugs

3 a : a microorganism (such as a bacterium or virus) especially when causing illness or disease
b : an often unspecified or nonspecific sickness presumed to be caused by such a microorganism
4 : a sudden enthusiasm
5 : ENTHUSIAST • a camera bug
6 : a prominent person
7 : a crazy person
8 : a concealed listening device
9 [from its designation by an asterisk on race programs]
   : a weight allowance given apprentice jockeys

Origin and Etymology of bug

origin unknown

First Known Use: 1622

Other Insect Terms

drone, entomology, gadfly, pismire, proboscis, vespine

Definition of bug

bugged; bugging

transitive verb

1 : to plant a concealed microphone in

2 : BOther, ANNOY • don’t bug me with petty details

intransitive verb

: to lose one’s composure: FREAK —often used with out
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