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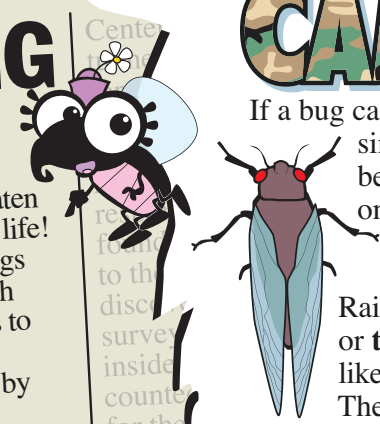
THE FLYSPECK FLYER

BUGS IN HIDING

By Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Bugs have it rough! Insects are, for the most part, tiny and defenseless. Insects are a major food source for millions of different kinds of animals. Imagine being in danger of being eaten every day of your life! Luckily, we bugs have come up with some clever ways to protect ourselves from being eaten by predators.

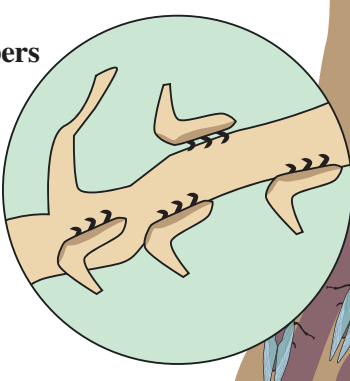
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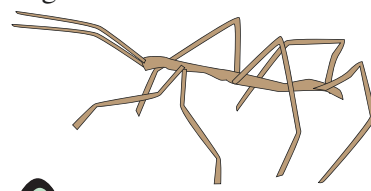
If a bug can't be seen, it won't get eaten. Cicadas sing loudly, but they are very hard to see because their bodies match the tree trunks on which they sit.


Rain forest **treehoppers** or **thornbugs** look like thorns on a twig. These bugs feed together and face the same direction to look even more like real thorns.






Phasmids or **stick insects** resemble leaves or sticks. They can grow up to 20 inches long and are the longest insects in the world.





The **planthopper** looks more like a leaf than a bug. *How many planthoppers can you find hiding in the leaves at left?*

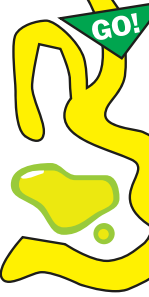
Standards Link: Life Science: Understand insect relationships with their physical environment.




Smells and Burning Spit

Have you ever heard of a **stinkbug**? There are many kinds of bugs called stinkbugs. They all have a special scent gland in the thorax that produces fluids that smell disgusting.

Some bugs can squirt this smelly fluid at attackers. If enough fluid lands on an attacker, it may kill it. Usually, it only creates a burning feeling or temporary blindness.

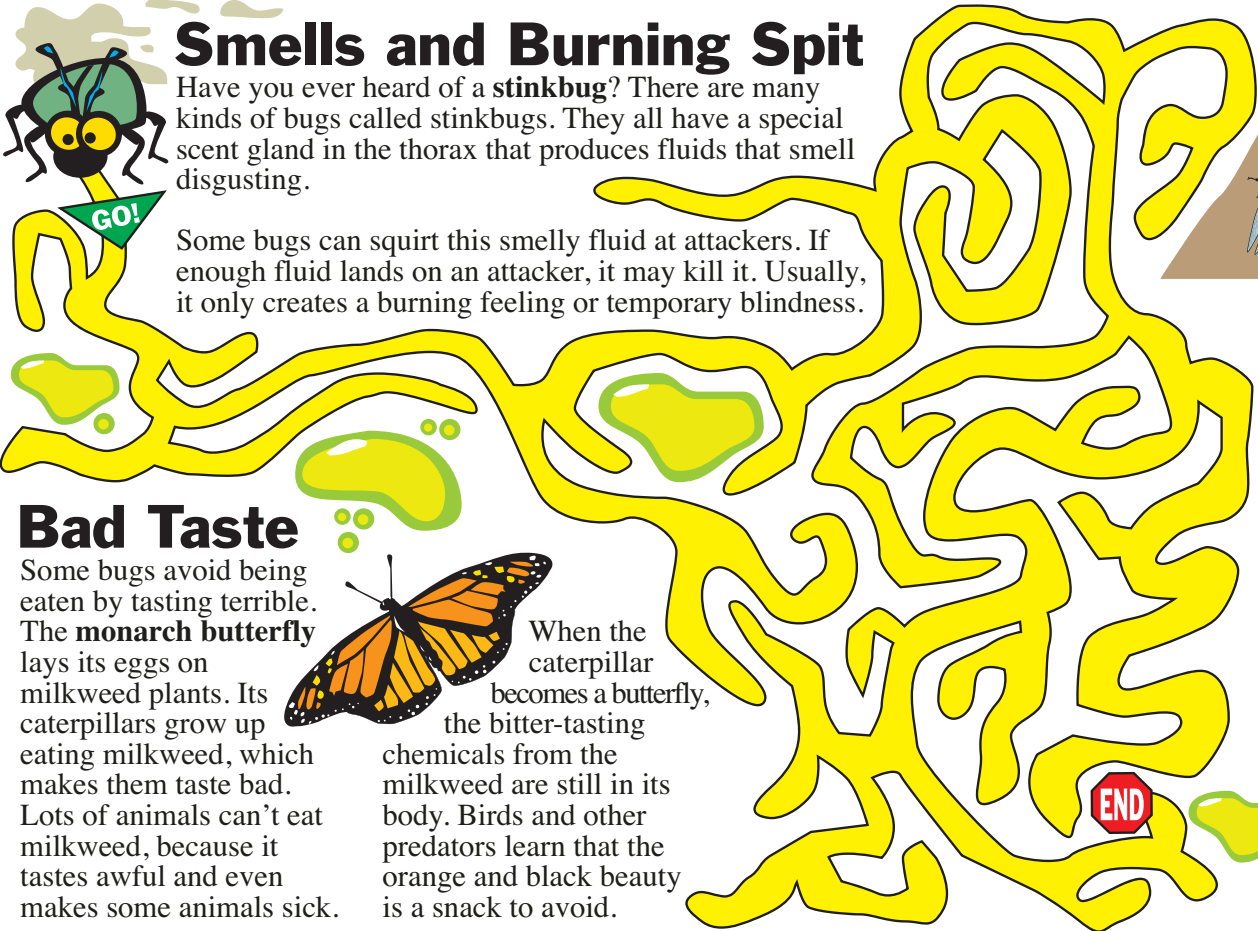




Bad Taste

Some bugs avoid being eaten by tasting terrible. The **monarch butterfly** lays its eggs on milkweed plants. Its caterpillars grow up eating milkweed, which makes them taste bad. Lots of animals can't eat milkweed, because it tastes awful and even makes some animals sick.

When the caterpillar becomes a butterfly, the bitter-tasting chemicals from the milkweed are still in its body. Birds and other predators learn that the orange and black beauty is a snack to avoid.



How many cicadas do you see?


Fluid Meanings
Look through the newspaper and find synonyms for the word **fluid**. Try replacing the word **fluid** on today's Kid Scoop page with each of the synonyms you found. Does the synonym change the meaning of any of the sentences?

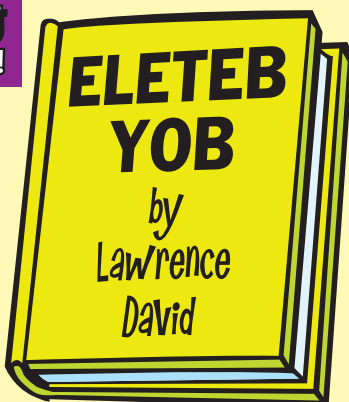
Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use synonyms and antonyms.

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

Gregory wakes up to discover that he has become a giant beetle! Surprisingly, no one notices him one bit. Not even when his slippery beetle self falls down the stairs and he lies there wriggling, all six legs in the air.

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your library this summer! - Bert Bookworm





Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read age-appropriate text in a variety of genres.

Double Double Word Search

CAMOUFLAGE
SQUIRT
CICADAS
MILKWEED
FLUID
PHASMIDS
GLAND
SCENT
ATTACKER
TWIG
MIMICS
MONARCH
SNACK
EGGS
BUGS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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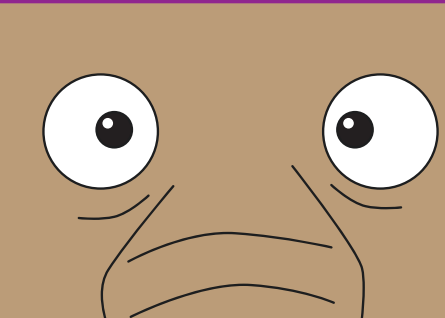
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Buggy Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and find 10 adjectives that describe one or more of the bugs on today's Kid Scoop page. Use these adjectives to write a paragraph about the lives of bugs.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in reading and writing.



What's brown on the outside and gray on the inside?

ANSWER: A chocolate-covered elephant.

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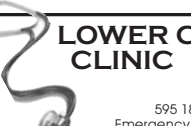
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