

CAMP KID SCOOP
BUG-A-PALOOZA

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THE FLYSPECK FLYER

GOOD BUGS

By Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Nature needs insects. All bugs are part of the ecological balance. When people grow plants for food or decoration, insects often eat these plants, and that leads people to think of insects as pests. But, not all bugs are pests. Some help gardeners and farmers. When they do that, people call them "beneficial insects."



Bugs That Eat Bugs

Ladybugs love aphids. Aphids are among the most common plant pests.

Aphids damage plants by feeding on them and by carrying diseases from plant to plant. One farmer's field can host millions of aphids.



Draw the other half of this ladybug.

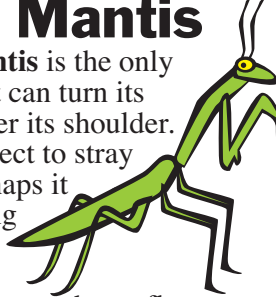


Ladybugs sometimes roll over and play dead if they are disturbed. Many predators will not eat an insect that doesn't move. **Find the ladybug that is different.**

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that animals have structures and behaviors that help in growth and survival.

Praying Mantis

The praying mantis is the only known insect that can turn its head and look over its shoulder. It waits for an insect to stray close, and then snaps it up with a lightning grab of its strong forelegs. It can move twice as fast as a housefly.



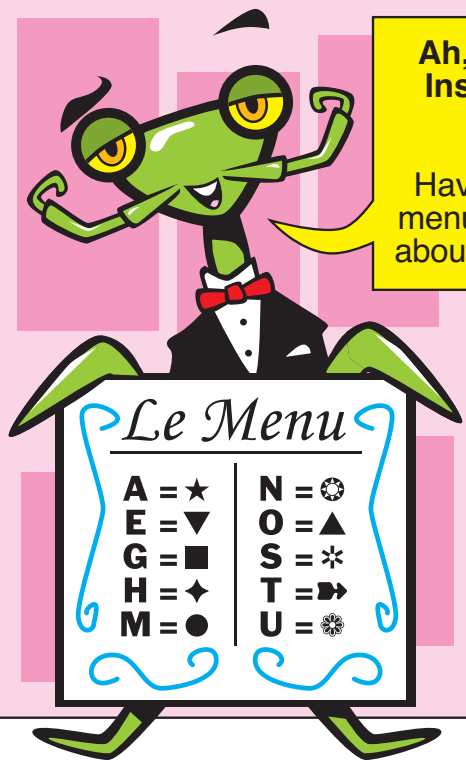
When young, praying mantises eat aphids, leafhoppers, mosquitoes, caterpillars and other soft-bodied insects. Later they eat larger insects, beetles, grasshoppers, crickets and other pest insects.

Pirate Bugs

These pirates are good guys. They don't hurt plants, people or pets. They don't eat grain. They eat insects that eat grain. Farmers put them into grain bins to eat the insect pests. Then they are easily removed before the grain is used.



How many pirate bugs can you find on this page?



Ah, bonjour! Welcome to **Café des Insectes**. My name is **Claude**, and I will be your waiter today.

Have a seat and use the code in this menu to discover some **delightful** facts about insect eating habits. **Bon appetit!**

Le Menu

A = ★	N = ○
E = ▼	O = ▲
G = ■	S = *
H = ◆	T = →
M = ●	U = ⊙

A large praying mantis can eat a small



The female praying mantis will eat its



after reproduction.

House spiders can survive without food or water for several



Spiders first paralyze their insect victims and then suck out the



● + ● = ●▶

● + ●▶ = ●●

●● + ●▶ = ●●

●▶ + ●▶ = ●●

●▶ + ●▶ = ●●

Buggy Math

What is the value for each bug in these equations? Each bug has a value from 1 to 5, and no two critters have the same value.

Standards Link: Math: Solve problems using mathematical reasoning.

Extra! Extra! Antonyms

Good - Bad
Beneficial - Harmful

These words are **antonyms**, or opposites. Look through today's newspaper for five antonym pairs.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand and use antonyms in speaking, reading and writing.

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

Something strange is going on in the garden, and Bug Muldoon, beetle private investigator, tries to figure out how the ants and the wasps are involved.

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



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

Double Double Word Search

- LADYBUGS
- PRAYING MANTIS
- APHIDS
- DISEASES
- CHEMICAL
- PIRATE
- SPIDER
- GRAIN
- BALANCE
- CROP
- HURT
- PESTS
- DEAD
- HELP

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

U	S	L	A	C	I	M	E	H	C
L	E	S	D	I	H	P	A	R	S
D	A	E	D	E	R	I	F	E	E
U	S	D	L	A	P	R	S	D	C
L	I	P	Y	O	I	A	T	I	N
N	T	I	R	B	E	T	S	P	A
S	N	C	E	S	U	E	E	S	L
G	A	N	I	A	R	G	P	C	A
T	M	D	T	R	U	H	S	S	B

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Fact and Opinion

Look through the newspaper and underline five facts. Next, find and circle five opinions. Where did you find most of the facts? Where did you find most of the opinions?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify fact and opinion in text.

What does a bee say on a hot day?

ANSWER: "Swarm, isn't it?"

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