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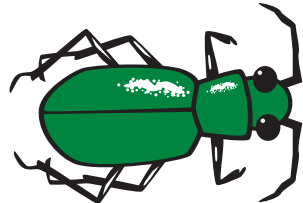
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# SWIFTER HIGHER STRONGER

BUGS WITH RECORD-BREAKING ABILITIES!

## SWIFTER! Fastest Runner

Australian tiger beetles are the fastest running insects known. One of the fastest was clocked at 2.5 meters per second (5.6 miles per hour). They run about 170 times their body length per second.

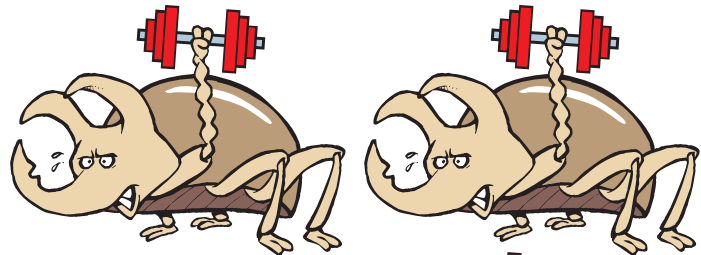


If I could travel 170 times my own body length per second, how far would I be able to run in a second?

If you're 4 feet tall, 680 feet per second!



**CHALLENGE:** If someone could travel at the rate of 680 feet per second, how many feet would they travel in one minute?



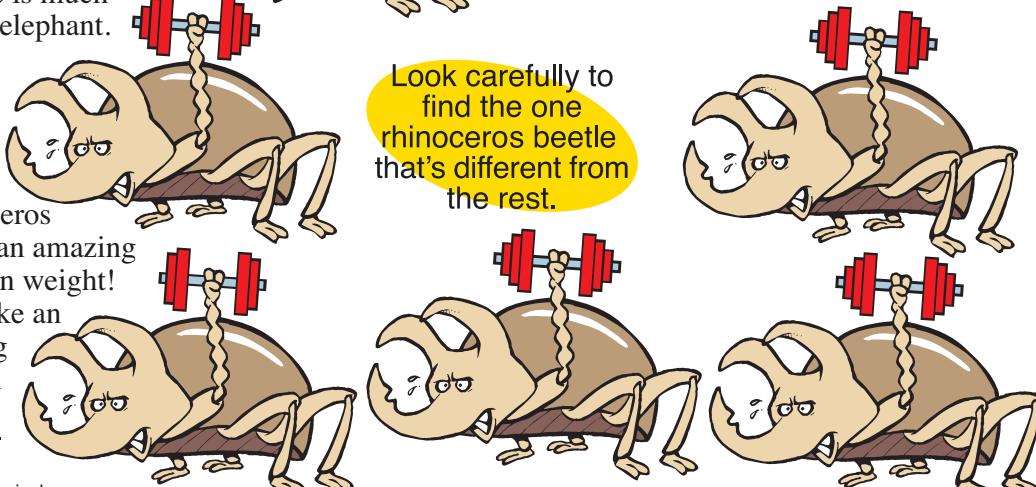
## STRONGER! Lifting Champ

Is a rhinoceros beetle stronger than an elephant?

Surprisingly, for its size, the rhinoceros beetle is much stronger than an elephant.

An elephant can carry up to 25% of its own weight on its back. The rhinoceros beetle can carry an amazing **850 times** its own weight! That would be like an elephant carrying 850 elephants on its back.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have structures that help in survival.



Look carefully to find the one rhinoceros beetle that's different from the rest.

## THE FLYSPECK FLYER BUGS GO THE DISTANCE!

By Nellie Fly  
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

The motto for the Olympic Games is "Citius, Altius, Fortius." That's Latin for "Swifter, Higher, Stronger." And while bugs aren't invited to the

Olympic Games, they are capable of some amazing abilities. For their size, they really are world champions at speed, strength and distance!



## HIGHER! Insect Jumping Champion

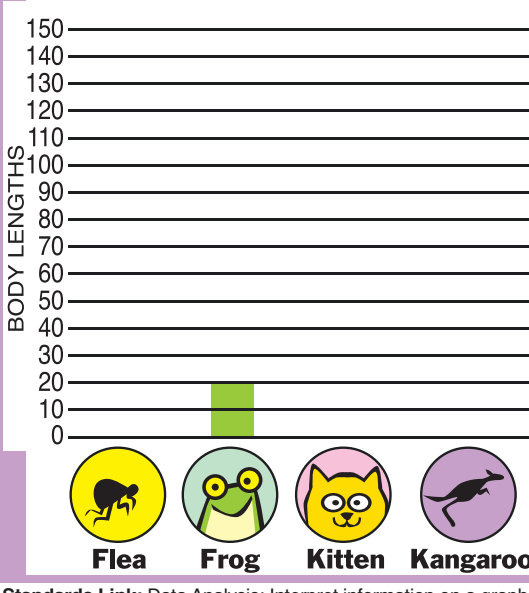
Of the 1,830 varieties of fleas, the champion jumper is the cat flea. It has been known to leap to a height of 34 inches.

That would be like a person leaping over 1,000 feet! Relatively, fleas take off with greater acceleration than the Space Shuttle!

### Graph It!

Read the following facts. Then complete the chart.

A frog can jump 20 times its body length. A kangaroo can jump 4.5 times its body length. A kitten can jump 3 times its body length. A flea can jump 150 times its body length!



Standards Link: Data Analysis: Interpret information on a graph.

### Extra! Extra!

## Contraction Action

Dash through the newspaper and find ten contractions.

Write the two words that make up the contraction. Beware! Some possessive nouns may look like contractions. Don't let them fool you!

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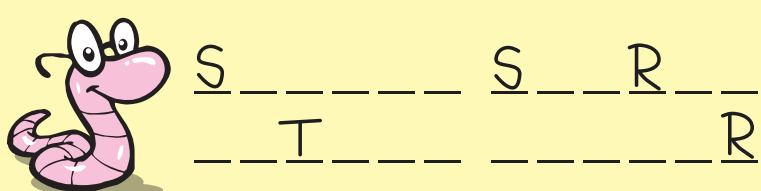
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**Standards Link:** Word Analysis: Identify separate words in a contraction.

## Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

Although he knows everything about spiders, Spider Storch is a terrible runner. He's afraid he'll ruin the Third Grade Olympics for his teammates. Will he?

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

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

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

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

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Superlative Scavenger Hunt

Find three pictures of people smiling in today's newspaper. Label them "happy," "happier," and "happiest." Find three pictures of people or animals looking strong. Label them "strong," "stronger," and "strongest."

**Standards Link:** Word Analysis: Understand and use comparative and superlative forms of adjectives.

## How do you start an insect race?

ANSWER: "One - two - flea - GO!"

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