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THE FLYSPECK FLYER

BUG OLDER THAN DINOSAURS

By Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Dragonflies have been around since before the dinosaurs! In fact, dragonflies were flying across the landscape about one hundred million years before dinosaurs walked the earth. And, they were BIG bugs. Prehistoric dragonfly wings measured nearly three feet across! Scientists claim these were the largest insects that the world has ever seen.



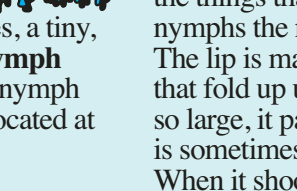
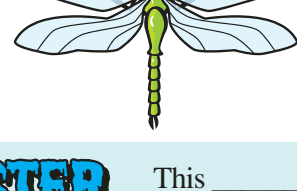
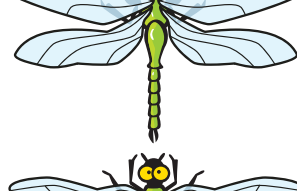
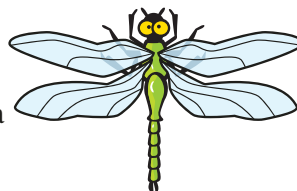
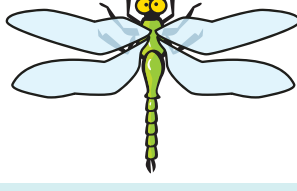
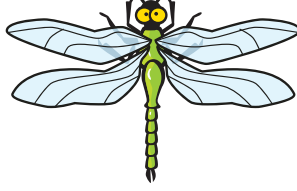
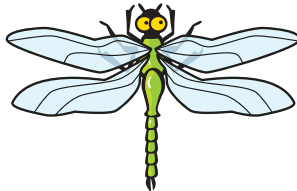
Dancing Dragons



Dragonflies Today

Dragonflies are still some of the world's largest flying insects. They have wingspans measuring 1 to 5 inches. There are more than 4,000 kinds or species.

Many are colored like jewels. Their shiny colored bodies and wings reflect the sunlight, making them a delight to watch in flight.



Find the two identical dragonflies.

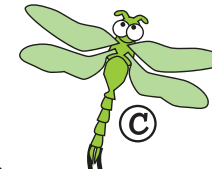
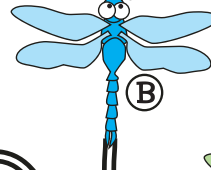
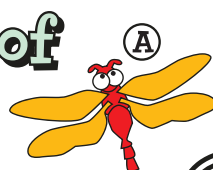
Fast Food

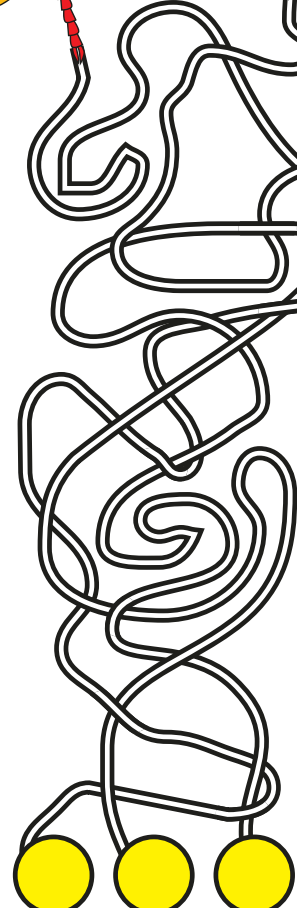
Dragonflies knew about fast food long before humans did. While flying, the dragonfly positions its legs and the bristly spines growing on the legs to form a basket scoop. It collects mosquitoes and other bugs in this bristly basket and then munches its catch, all while still airborne! — The dragonfly's approach to dinner is like picking up and wolfing down an order of "bugs in a basket" to go!

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that organisms have distinct structures that serve specific functions in survival.

Flights of Fancy

Dragonflies are famous for their flying skills. They can change direction in an instant, hover like helicopters in mid-air, zoom along at 35 miles per hour and dart up, down and even backward.





Follow each dragonfly trail and write the correct letter in each circle.

Dragonfly Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper find and circle the letters that spell each of the following words:

- nymph
- dragonfly
- predator
- larvae

Connect the letters that spell each word with a different color marker or crayon. Color in the spaces in your dragonfly designs and share with a friend!

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-appropriate words correctly.

POND MONSTER

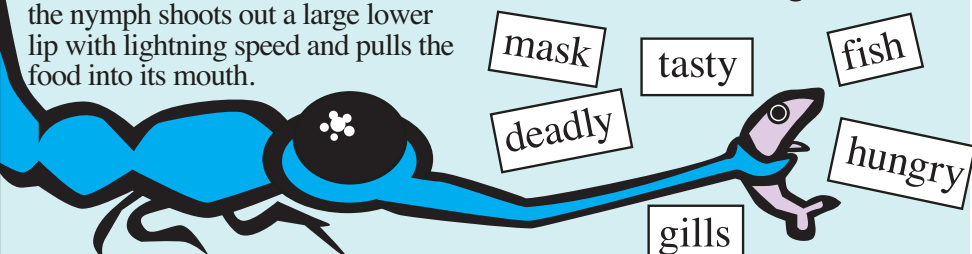
After a dragonfly egg hatches, a tiny, wingless creature called a **nymph** wriggles out. The dragonfly nymph breathes with _____ located at the rear of its abdomen.

The nymph is a _____ predator that eats mosquito larvae, worms, tadpoles and even small _____. It hides in the mud or weeds and waits for supper to wander by. When a _____ morsel comes into view, the nymph shoots out a large lower lip with lightning speed and pulls the food into its mouth.

This _____ lower lip is one of the things that has earned dragonfly nymphs the name "pond monster." The lip is made of two hinged pieces that fold up under its face. The lip is so large, it partly covers the face and is sometimes called a _____. When it shoots out, the lip can be half as long as the nymph's entire body.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals progress through life cycles of birth, growth, development and reproduction.

Draw a line to where each word belongs.



mask tasty fish
deadly hungry
gills

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

When a dragonfly lands on her toothbrush, Eliza and her Aunt Doris decide to take it to a nearby pond. There they find an "awful green creature" about the size of a paperclip. What will it become?

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

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

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Life Cycles

Look through the newspaper for pictures of people and animals in different stages of life. Cut out these pictures to show the life cycle of each. Draw pictures or find images on the Internet to depict any life stages you can't find in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals progress through life cycles.

Why did the dragonfly cross the playground?



ANSWER: To get to the other slide.

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