

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the 10 grammar and spelling errors you find. The first one is done for you.



Hissss!

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WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

What's that noise? Is it a snake? No! It's a *Gromphadorhina portentosa* – also known as a **hissing cockroach**.



Found in Madagascar, the hissing cockroach is one big bug. It grows to be three inches (8cm) long! It is also about an inch wide, around the size of a small mouse.

While the hissing cockroach looks a little frightening, it is actually harmless. The only thing it does to protect itself from enemies is to hiss at them.

This dark chocolate brown insect with black edges blends well with the piles of leaves and bark it hides under on the forest floor.

How does it hiss?

To make the loud hissing sound, the cockroach forces air out of two breathing holes that are underneath its body. The idea is to startle an enemy into leaving the cockroach alone.

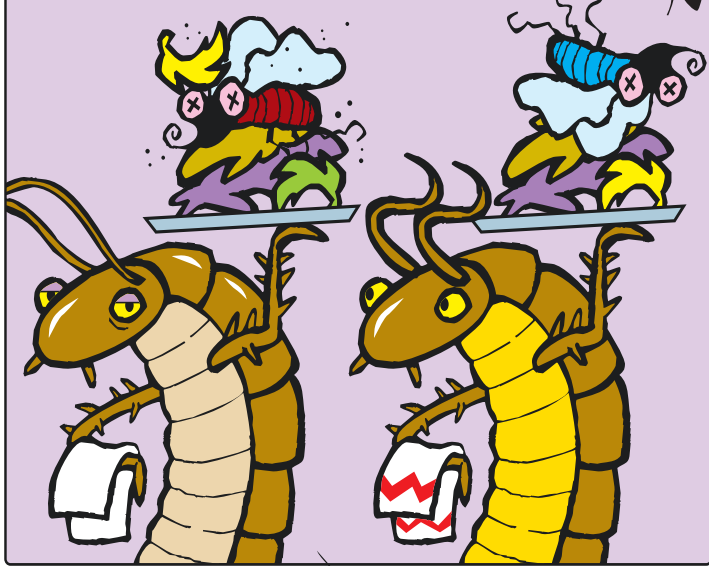
Tiny mites live on the bodies of these cockroaches and keep them clean by eating bits of food that cling to the larger bug's body.



Cockroach Lunch

How does a pile of rotting leaves with a side of dead fly sound? For the hissing cockroach that sounds like lunch! A hissing cockroach is a **scavenger**, not a **hunter**. That means it doesn't kill for food, but eats whatever it can find on the forest floor, things like rotting plant matter and dead animals.

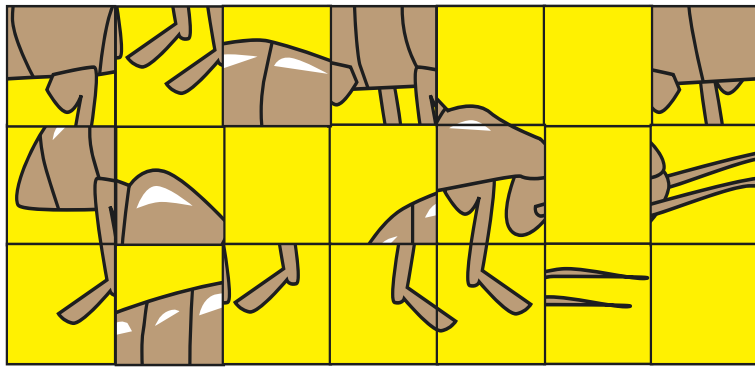
Find the differences.



Bug Battle

The male hissing cockroach has two large "horns." When two males fight, they lower their heads and ram into each other, much like fighting stags. The stronger bug wins when the weaker one simply gives up.

Cut out these squares. Rearrange them to reveal a hissing cockroach.



Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve specific functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

Martina the cockroach doesn't know coffee beans about love and marriage. Her grandmother, Abuela, gives her some shocking advice!

"You want me to do *what*?" Martina gasps. To find out what Abuela said, read the book.



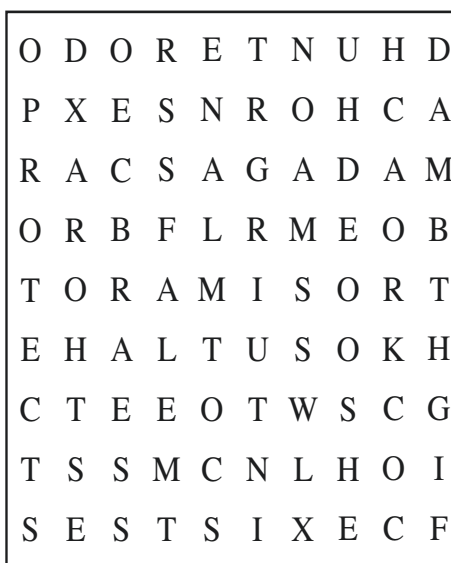
Fill in the missing vowels to reveal the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library this summer! - Bert Bookworm

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

- COCKROACH
- MADAGASCAR
- FOSSILS
- THORAX
- MITES
- HARMLESS
- BATTLE
- HUNTER
- MOUSE
- EXIST
- PROTECT
- BROWN
- FIGHT
- HORNS



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

Viva la Difference!

Male hissing cockroaches are females much larger than (email). The male also has larger, feathere antennae.

One male hissing cockroach has a group of five or six female partners that he keeps to himself. He has to fight of other males to keep his mates.

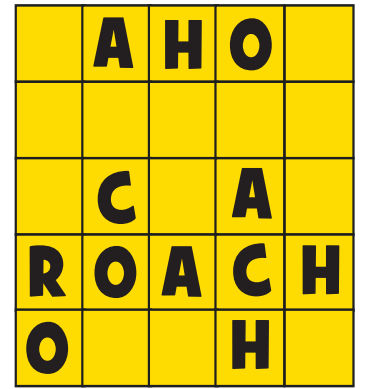
Good Mothers

Female hissing cockroaches are excellent mothurs, at least four insects! The females carry their eggs inside their abdomens to protect them from predators. They then give birth to live yung roaches that look a lot like their parents, but much smaller! A newly hatched nymph eventually grows to way about as much as a mice.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **ROACH** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SCAVENGER**

The noun **scavenger** is an animal that finds and eats dead animals or rotting plants, or a person who finds things.

A hissing cockroach is a **scavenger** that finds its food.

Try to use the word **scavenger** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Bug Battle News

Select a sports article and rewrite it as if it was news about a battle between two male hissing cockroaches. Be sure your rewritten article tells the *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why* and *how* of the event.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write expressive compositions that express ideas.



There were five cockroaches in the kitchen. Which one was the football player?

ANSWER: The one in the sugar bowl.

Write On!

What "bugs" you?

What things really bother or "bug" you? Write a few paragraphs explaining how do you deal with these things.

