



Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and correct the 12 spelling errors you find. The first one is done for you.

THE FLYSPECK FLYER

GOOD BUGS

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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."

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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.

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

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Spiders first paralyze their insect victims and then suck out the

■ * ➡ *



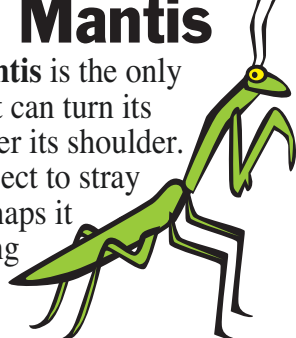
Ladybugs sometimes roll over and play dead if they are disturbed. Many predators will not eat an insect that doesn't move.

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

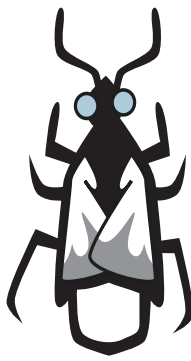
The praying mantis is the only known insect that can turn its head and look over its shoulder. It waits for an insect to stray close, and then snaps it up with a lightning grab of its strong forelegs. It can move twice as fast as a housefly.



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?

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.

$$\text{ant} + \text{ant} = \text{mantis}$$

$$\text{ant} + \text{mantis} = \text{spider}$$

$$\text{spider} + \text{mantis} = \text{ladybug}$$

$$\text{ant} + \text{ant} = \text{ladybug}$$

$$\text{mantis} + \text{mantis} = \text{ant}$$

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.

Pollinators

Some insects help people by

pollinating flowers and

blossoms. Without pollinators,

there would be no apples, pears,

cherries, citrus fruit, nuts,

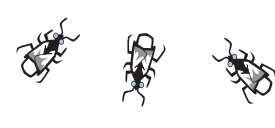
barberries, coffee, melons,

cucumbers, squash or many

other food that depend upon

the pollination of their

blossoms to create fruit.



Pollinating insects are

estimated to be worth at least

ate billion dollars annually to

the farming and agriculture

industries.

Standards Link: Editing: Edit drafts to correct spelling and grammar.

Kid Scoop-doku™

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

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G	R	W
		W
W		R

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **BENEFICIAL**

The adjective **beneficial** means having a good or helpful effect on something.

Some bugs are **beneficial** to farmers.

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

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?"

Write On!

Write Words Wonderfully

Write a sentence in which most of the words start with the same letter. Example: *Betty's brother, Bill, bought big buckets of blue beetles.*