

CAMP KID SCOOP

BUG-A-PALOOZA

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Kid Scoop Together: Number Cruncher

THE FLYSPECK FLYER

BUGS IN HIDING!

By Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Bugs have it rough! Insects are, for the most part, tiny and defenseless. Insects are a major food source for millions of different kinds of animals. Imagine being in

danger of being eaten every day of your life! Luckily, we bugs have come up with some clever ways to protect ourselves from being eaten by predators.



CAMOUFLAGE

If a bug can't be seen, it won't get eaten. Cicadas sing loudly, but they are very hard to see because their bodies match the tree trunks on which they sit.

Rain forest treehoppers or thornbugs look like thorns on a twig. These bugs feed together and face the same direction to look even more like real thorns.

Phasmids or stick insects resemble leaves or sticks. They can grow up to 20 inches long and are the longest insects in the world.

The planthopper looks more like a leaf than a bug. How many planthoppers can you find hiding in the leaves at left?

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand insect relationships with their physical environment.

How many cicadas do you see?

Bug Spotter
Beauregard loves bugs. He sits quietly and watches carefully to see how many bugs he can spot in a day. On Monday he spotted two bugs. Each day since then he has doubled the number of bugs spotted.

Record in his notebook how many bugs he spotted each day for two weeks. What day did he first spot more than 100 bugs?

BUG WATCH	
Monday	2 bugs
Tuesday	4 bugs
Wednesday	8 bugs
Thursday	16 bugs
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 20,000.

Smells and Burning Spit

Have you ever heard of a stinkbug? There are many kinds of bugs called stinkbugs. They all have a special scent gland in the thorax that produces fluids that smell disgusting.

Some bugs can squirt this smelly fluid at attackers. If enough fluid lands on an attacker, it may kill it. Usually, it only creates a burning feeling or temporary blindness.

Bad Taste

Some bugs avoid being eaten by tasting terrible. The monarch butterfly lays its eggs on milkweed plants. Its caterpillars grow up eating milkweed, which makes them taste bad. Lots of animals can't eat milkweed, because it tastes awful and even makes some animals sick.



When the caterpillar becomes a butterfly, the bitter-tasting chemicals from the milkweed are still in its body. Birds and other predators learn that the orange and black beauty is a snack to avoid.

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

Extra! Extra!

Fluid Meanings

Look through the newspaper and find synonyms for the word **fluid**. Try replacing the word **fluid** on today's Kid Scoop page with each of the synonyms you found. Does the synonym change the meaning of any of the sentences?

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use synonyms and antonyms.

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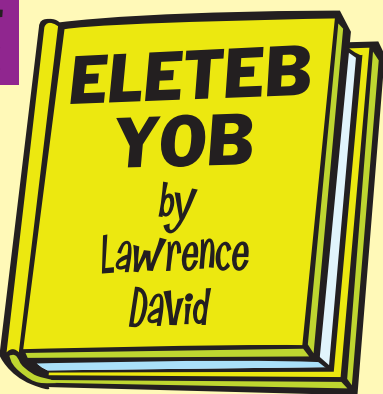
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **HIDE** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

Gregory wakes up to discover that he has become a giant beetle! Surprisingly, no one notices him one bit. Not even when his slippery beetle self falls down the stairs and he lies there wriggling, all six legs in the air.

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.

- CAMOUFLAGE
- SQUIRT
- CICADAS
- MILKWEED
- FLUID
- PHASMIDS
- GLAND
- SCENT
- ATTACKER
- TWIG
- MIMICS
- MONARCH
- SNACK
- EGGS
- BUGS

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **FLUID**

The noun **fluid** means a liquid or something that flows easily.

Water is a **fluid**.
Milk is a **fluid**, too.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Buggy Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and find 10 adjectives that describe one or more of the bugs on today's Kid Scoop page. Use these adjectives to write a paragraph about the lives of bugs.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in reading and writing.



Write On! Wacky Bug

Make up a weird and wacky bug and describe what it looks like, where it lives and what it eats.

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Keep Your Toothbrush Clean

Store your toothbrush in an upright position. When you're done brushing, try to store it standing straight up and allow it to air-dry until your next brushing. If there's more than one brush in the same holder, try to keep them as separate as possible to prevent cross-contamination.

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