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BUG-A-PALOOZA

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Kid Scoop Together: Fill In The Blanks

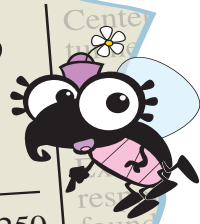
Ask a friend to give you each type of word. Fill in the blanks and read the story aloud for some silly fun.

THE FLYSPECK FLYER Cleaner-Uppers

By Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Dung beetles are nature's clean-up bugs. They eat and bury animal waste. This activity recycles important nutrients into the soil and buries waste that attracts pests such as flies. A dung beetle can bury up to 250 times its own weight in dung in a night.

How much do you weigh?
Multiply that by 250 lbs.
That number is the amount of dung you could bury if you were a dung beetle.



Dung Beetles

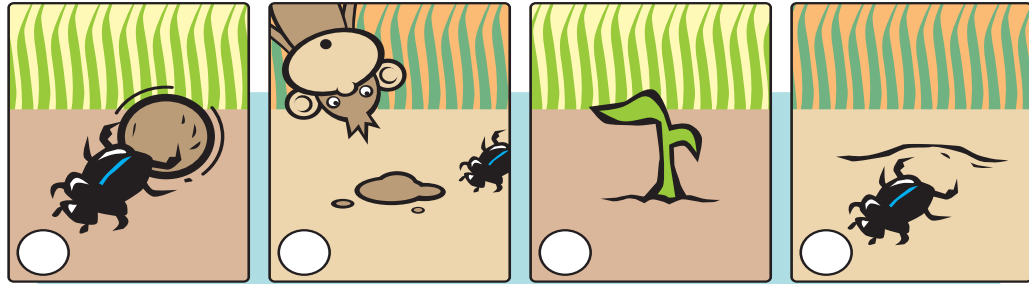
NATURE'S CLEAN-UP CREW

It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it!



Monkey See, Monkey Do

In rainforests, dung beetles roll up balls of monkey dung containing fruit seeds from the monkey's meal. They bury the monkey dung, seeds and all. After a while, the seeds sprout and grow new trees.



Number these pictures in order.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that all organisms cause changes in their environments and these changes can be beneficial.

Don't Mess with Texas

Some experts say that dung beetles clean up 80% of the cow manure in parts of Texas.

Three Dung Beetle Groups

Each dung beetle belongs to one of three groups: rollers, tunnelers, or dwellers.

Rollers shape dung into balls that they roll. They then bury these dung balls to eat later or to use as a place to lay eggs. When the eggs hatch, the larvae eat the dung.

Tunnelers bury their dung balls by tunneling underneath a pile of dung and taking their treasure underground.

Dwellers – Can you guess what they do? Write your guess here:

Now fill in the missing vowels to figure out why they are called dwellers.

DW__LL__RS
LIV__NS__D__
P__L__S__F__
D__NG.

Find the dining dung beetle that's different.

How do dung beetles survive on a diet of dung?
Not all of the food an animal eats gets digested. Any undigested bits pass out of the animal in its dung. It is those undigested bits of food that nourish the dung beetle.

Standards Link: Life Science: Behavior of individual organisms is influenced by internal cues (e.g., hunger) and external cues (e.g., changes in the environment).

The Worship of Dung Beetles

Ancient Egyptians viewed the dung beetle as a symbol of their sun god. They thought the sun god pushed the sun around the sky, much as the dung beetle pushes around balls of dung.

Extra! Extra! Grouping Puzzle

Cut out all the ads in today's newspaper. Sort them into at least three groups. The ads in each group should share at least one characteristic that the other groups' ads don't have. Name each group, identifying its important feature.

Standards Link: Scientific Investigation: Things can be grouped according to common characteristics.

Dee Dee on a Roll

Dee Dee was a dung beetle that dreamed of bigger and better things. She wanted to _____ with _____ and _____ amongst the _____.

But those were pretty big dreams for a little dung beetle. Poor Dee Dee thought she might never get her chance to become a _____.

"You have _____ of elephant dung as far as the _____ can see!" said Dee Dee's father. "Stop wasting time and start minding waste!"

One afternoon, Dee Dee saw a bright, _____ object in the _____. It was a marble!

Dee Dee became quite skilled and eventually entered a _____ marble competition. She performed _____ tricks and scored the highest of all.

"_____!" she shouted during her victory speech. "I've gone from the _____ bottom to the _____ top!"

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand the parts of speech; use the correct parts of speech from context clues.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word DUNG 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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D	U	G
	N	U

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

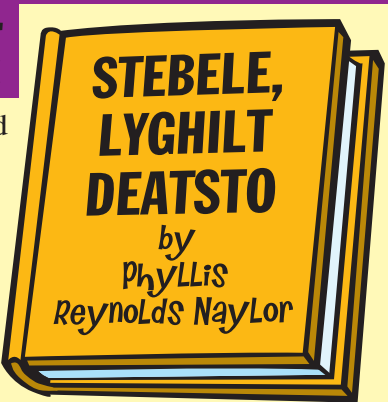
This week's word: **DUNG**
The noun **dung** means the manure of animals.

Dung beetles roll **dung** into round balls.

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

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

How can Andy be inventive and imaginative in an essay contest on conservation? He comes up with the idea of people eating insects as a way of conserving their food budgets. Before long he's making toasted beetles and more.



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

- DUNG
- TUNNELERS
- NOURISH
- BURIES
- RECYCLES
- SYMBOL
- MONKEY
- CLEAN
- ROLL
- BURY
- PILE
- FLIES
- SOIL
- GROW

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

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Exclamation Points!

Count all the exclamation points you can find in each section of the newspaper. Graph your results. Which section has the most? Why do you think this is?

Standards Link: Data Analysis: Students summarize and display data results in a clear and organized way.

What do dung beetles always have for dinner?

ANSWER: Leftovers.

Write On!

Add Adjectives

Add colorful adjectives to this sentence:
The dung beetle walked across the table and onto the plate of pickles.

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