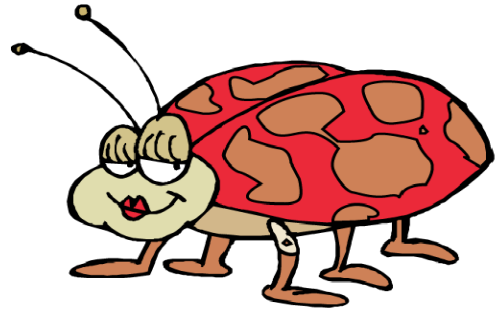


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The Spotless Ladybug

by Anita Amin



Ladybug and her friends were playing in garden soil. Suddenly Ladybug cried, "My black spots are missing!"

"You're right!" Ant said, looking at Ladybug. "But I saw them before we played in the soil. They were on your wings."

"Maybe you're sick," Bee said.

"I don't feel sick," Ladybug answered.

"Can spots fall off?" Spider asked.

"I don't think spots can fall off," Ladybug said. "But maybe we should look around."

They looked in the garden. They looked in the dirt, under plants, and in the weeds. They didn't find Ladybug's spots.

"Woof! Woof! Woof!"

A spotted dog sat nearby. She barked at the ladybug and her friends.

"Maybe this dog took your spots." Bee said.

"Don't be silly," Ladybug replied. "Her spots are too big to be mine."

"Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!"

A spotted snake slithered by. He hissed at ladybug and her friends.

"Maybe this snake took your spots." Spider said.

"Don't be silly," Ladybug replied. "His spots are yellow. Mine are black."

"Chirp! Chirp! Chirp!"

A spotted bird flew by. He chirped at ladybug and her friends.

"Maybe this bird took your spots." Bee said.

"Don't be silly," Ladybug replied. "Her spots are not round. My spots are round."

Drip! Drip! Drip!

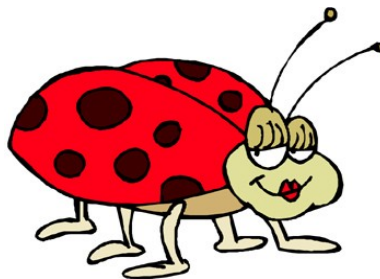
The trees above were wet. Rain dripped all over Ladybug and her friends. The rain washed them clean.

"Look!" Ant told Ladybug. "Your spots are back!"

"You were dirty after you played in the soil," Bee said.

"Now you're clean again! We can see your black spots!", Spider said.

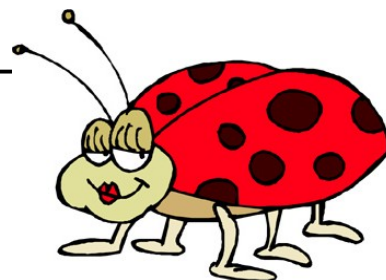
"You're right!" Ladybug laughed. "I guess they weren't gone after all."



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 - c. playing in the dirt
 - d. eating lunch

2. List four characters in this story that are bugs.

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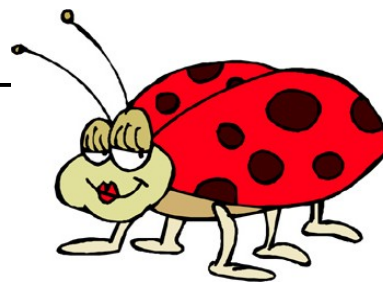
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| 3. round | c. not clean |
| 4. snake | d. place where plants grow |
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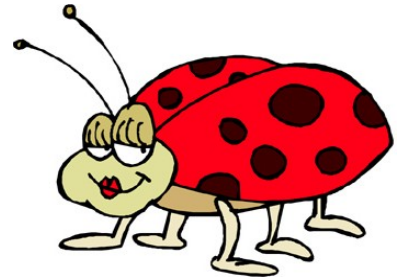
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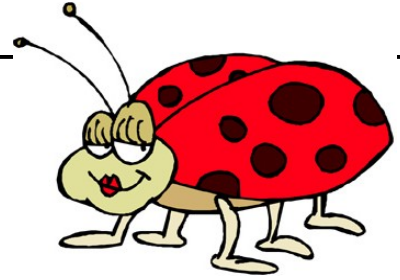


Have you ever helped a friend? Write about a time when you helped someone.

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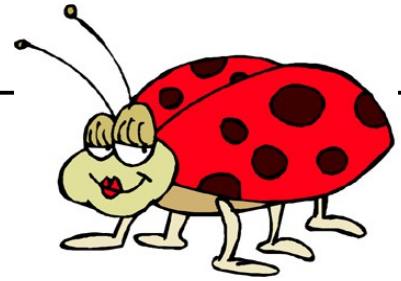
Ant

Spider
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