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BOING!

a bouncy book of bugs

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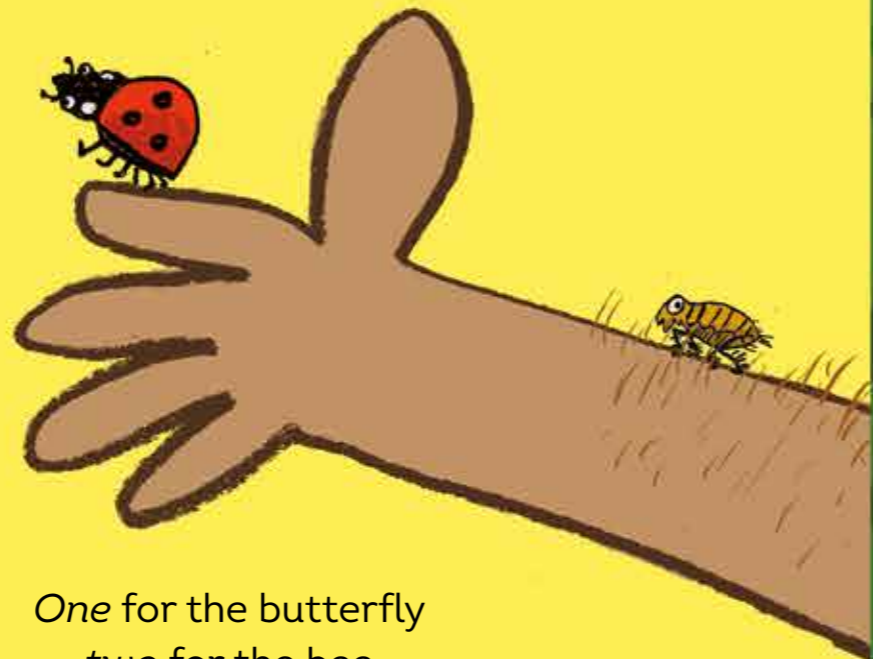


Just Like Bugs

Busy like a butterfly
buzzy like a bee
shiny like a firefly
itchy like a flea

Spotty like a ladybird
stripy like a wasp
zippy like a dragonfly
flappy like a moth

Scratchy like a beetle
tiny like an ant
how many bugs here?
Hey, let's count!



One for the butterfly
two for the bee
three for the firefly
four for the flea

Five for the ladybird
six for the wasp
seven for the dragonfly
eight for the moth

Nine for the beetle
ten for the ant -
double high five
it's a ten bug count!



It's a Bug!

If it jiggles just a little
or its home is in the mud
or it wiggles down its middle...

oh, indeed - it's a bug!

If it scuttles or it rustles
or it leaps upon a rug
or it bustles in a meadow...

yes, siree - it's a bug!

If it scratches or it scrabbles
or its meal is made of muck
or it shuffles in the shadows...

OMG - it's a
BUG!

We call them 'bugs'. Scientists call them **INSECTS**. They're found all over the world - in forests, deserts, gardens, farms, homes, everywhere. How many do you think there are altogether? Aim high! Only some **10 QUINTILLION** - that's many, many millions of billions - of bugs!

Hey, Little Bug!



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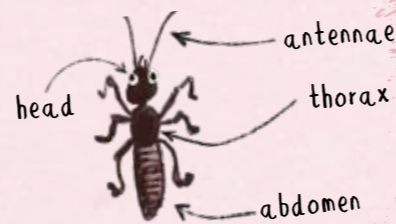
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Hey little bug - how do you hug - or cuddle or kiss your mum or sis - with all those arms and legs and things - and wiggly bits and wobbly wings? For however hairy or creepy or scary even the ugliest bug needs a **HUG!**

So what are **BUGS** (or **INSECTS**) exactly? They're little creatures with 2 pairs of wings, 3 pairs of legs and 3 main body parts - a head, thorax and abdomen, plus 1 pair of twitchy antennae on their heads to help them feel and smell their way around.



fANTastic!



There's nothing wrong with being small so titchy that the grass seems tall more weeny than a leaf or twig so tiny that a bee seems big. That's how it is and we don't mind. We're stronger than you humankind and just as smart we think you'll find. How can we lift a giANT stick? That's because we're fANTastic!

ANTS have the biggest of all bug brains. And though a single ant may not be too clever, together a colony of ants can do incredible things, even though they don't have ears and many don't have eyes. Like wasps and bees, ants are very social creatures and live and work together to thrive.