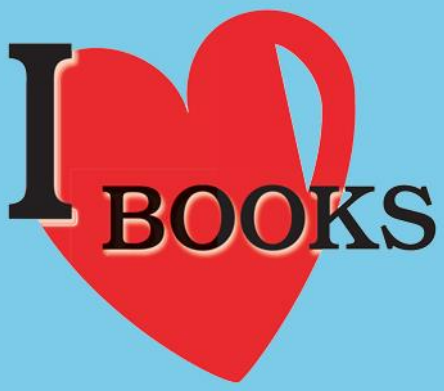


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# Would You Rather: Dine with a Dung Beetle or Lunch with a Maggot?

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Would you rather...

dine with a dung beetle,



have supper
with a spider,



drink with a
mosquito,

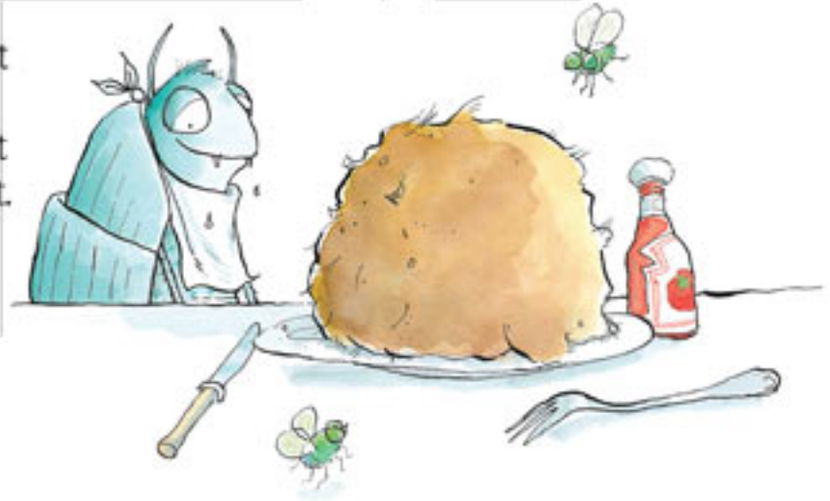


or lunch with a maggot?



**If you dined with a dung beetle, you'd have to eat a splendid dish of... elephant poo!**

Dung beetles feast on elephant poo because it contains yummy stuff to eat which has passed right through the elephant's gut.





**If you drank with a mosquito, you'd have to share a gloopy smoothie - made of blood!**

Female mosquitoes need a blood meal before they can lay their eggs. It's full of goodness!

**You'd have to join the spider for a feast of flies - not just for supper but for every meal!**

Spiders eat flies. They suck out their liquid insides, but leave the crunchy body bits!




**If you shared your packed lunch with a maggot, it'd be full of rotting flesh and scabs.**

Maggots are baby flies and they mostly survive on a diet of dead and rotting animals - delicious!




Would you rather...
live with a snail,
a family
of termites,
a bookworm,
or a tick?
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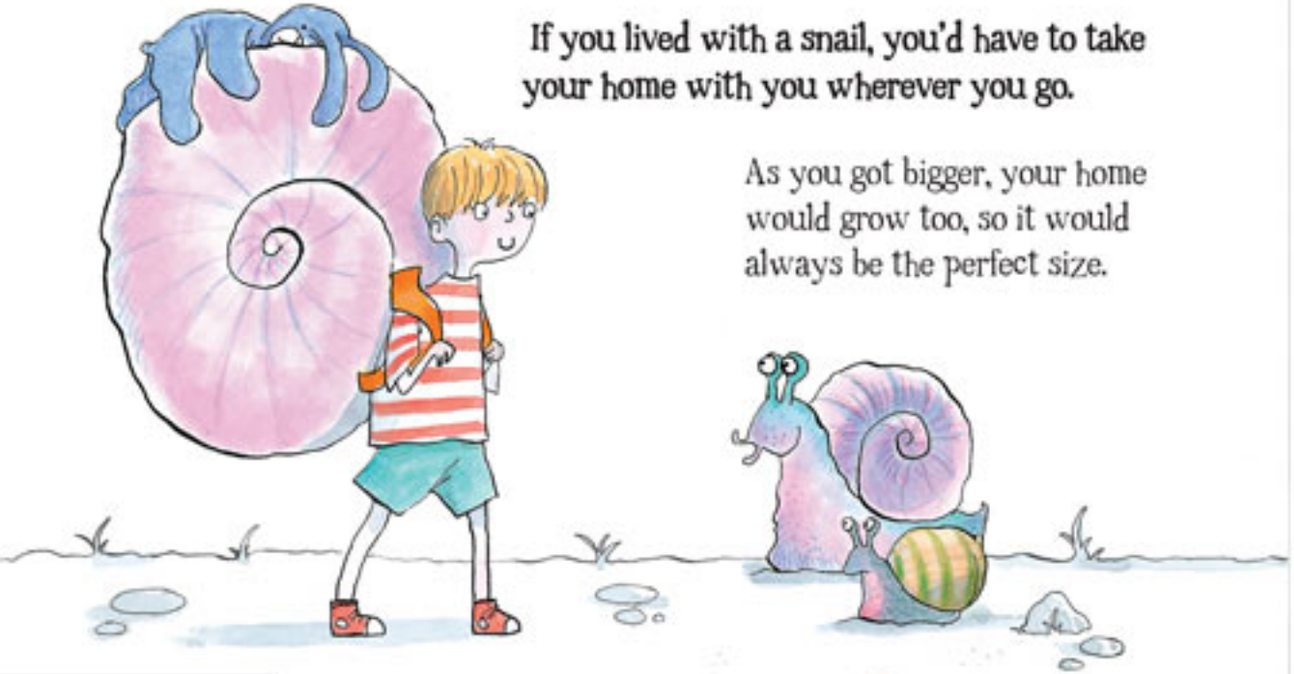
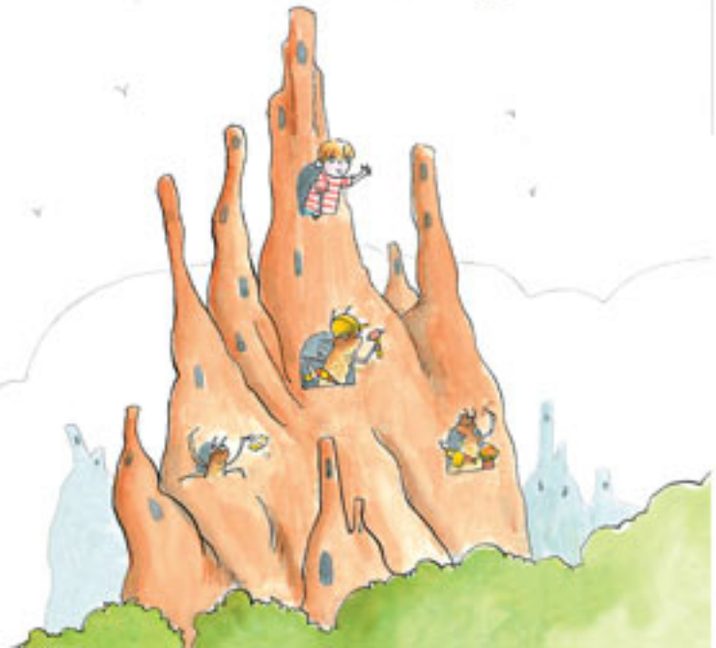


**If you lived with a snail, you'd have to take your home with you wherever you go.**

As you got bigger, your home would grow too, so it would always be the perfect size.

**Termites are great builders so your home would be big and comfortable.**

But this home would be made of mud mixed with termite spit and poo! You'd have to get used to it because one of these mud cities can last for 100 years!





**You'd have to make your home in a good book because these tiny bugs find them a most delicious snack.**

Bookworms sometimes go months without eating so once they find a book they like, they set up home and eat it from the inside out.

**To live with a tick, you'd have to find a furry friend!**

These beastly bugs have a disgusting habit of feeding on the animals they live on.



# More Bug Fun!

Stay safe and ask a grown-up to help you.

## Bug watch

Hang a white sheet between two trees or on a washing line. When it is dark, shine a torch behind the sheet. Watch and wait while lots of flying insects fly to the sheet.

## Go pond dipping!

Half-fill a container with pond water. Use a small pond net, on a long cane, to scoop bugs out of the pond using a figure-of-eight movement. Place them in the container where you can watch them. Carefully return the bugs to their pond when you have finished.

## Would you rather...?

Think of some 'Would you rather...?' questions to share with your friends or family. Visit your local library and research different bugs to create your own fun questions.

## Bug file

When you find a bug in the garden, park or pond, use a magnifying lens to look at it closely. Take photos or draw the bug so you can use books or the Internet to find out what type of bug it is. Make a note of where and when you found the bug, its colour and its size as well as any special features.

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