

Helping your children choose books they will love



Lovereading4kids.co.uk is a book website
created for parents and children to make
choosing books easy and fun

opening extract from

Henry's House: Creepy-crawlies

written by

Philip Ardagh

illustrated by

Mike Gordon

published by

Scholastic Books

All text is copyright of the author/ illustrator
please print off and read at your leisure.



Contents

Welcome to Henry's House! 5

Catching the bug 6

A bug's-eye view 10

Flight, flies and fluttering 12

Wasps! 14

The bee's knees 16

Webs worldwide 20

Flutter by, butterflies! 24

Ants! 28

Beetle about 32

Making a splash 36

Here be dragons! 38

A sting in the tail 40

Not what they seem 42

Scary tricks 44

Hide and seek 45

The praying mantis 46

Light fright! 48

The secret of silk 50

"Helpful" creepy-crawlies 52

Danger! Danger! 54

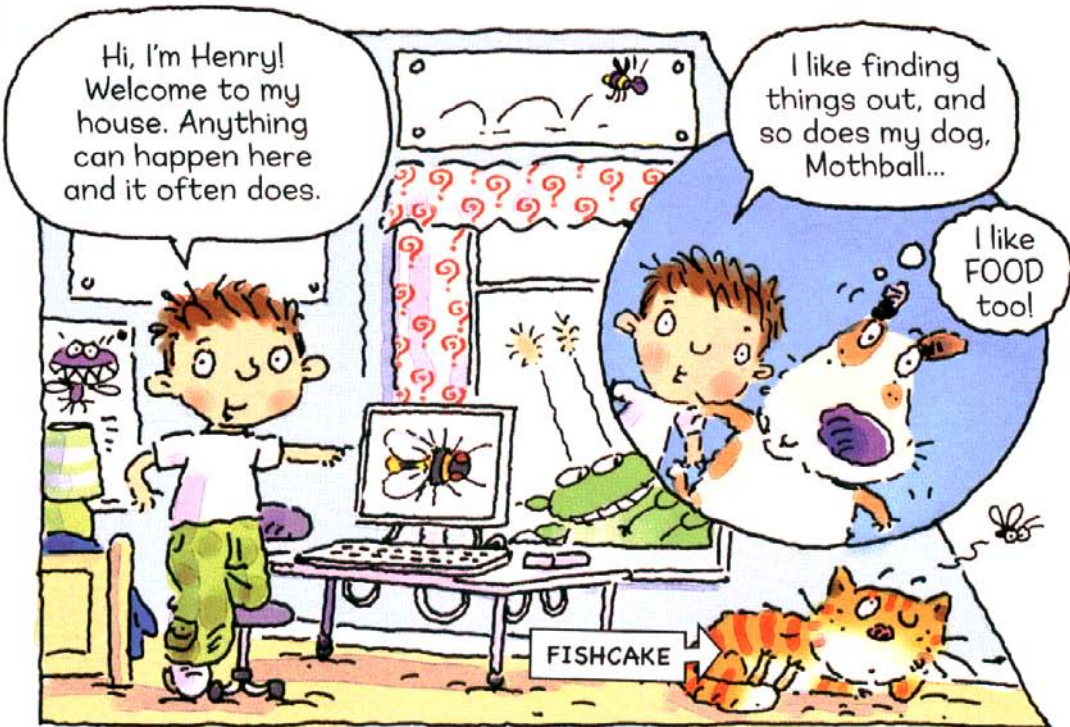
Record-breakers! 56

Creepy-crawlies 58

Glossary 60

Index 62

Welcome to Henry's House!



Catching the bug

Jaggers, there's some kind of creepy-crawly in my wardrobe. Will you help me move it?

Sure. All you need is a glass to put over it and...

WOW! IT'S A BIG BUG!!!

I did try to warn you...

It must have eaten some of the "super-grow" plant food I've been experimenting with for a school project...

Magnus Boffin made it for me!



There are lots of different kinds of creepy-crawly. Most are members of three main groups: insects, arachnids and myriapods. There are many different kinds of creepy-crawly in each group.

This is a bug. A bug is a kind of insect. All insects have three main body parts and six legs.

1. ABDOMEN

2. THORAX (THAW-RAX)

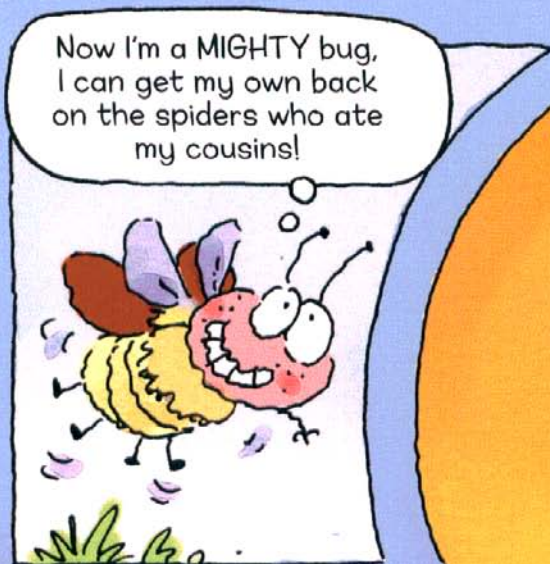
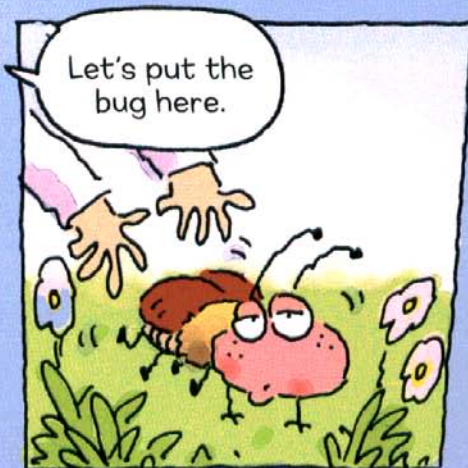
3. HEAD

FEELERS

Insects use their feelers for smelling, touching and tasting.

Centipedes are myriapods (mi-ree-a-pods). All myriapods have more than fifteen pairs of legs.

I'm glad I don't have to wear socks.



Spiders are arachnids (a-rack-nids). They only have two body parts and eight legs. Insects only have six.

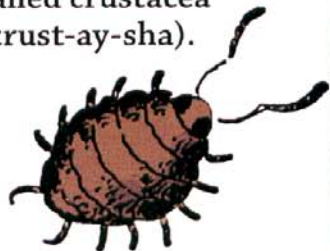
Spiders don't see better than humans, although most of them have eight eyes.

1. CEPHALOTHORAX
(SEFF-ALLO-THAW-RAX)

2. ABDOMEN

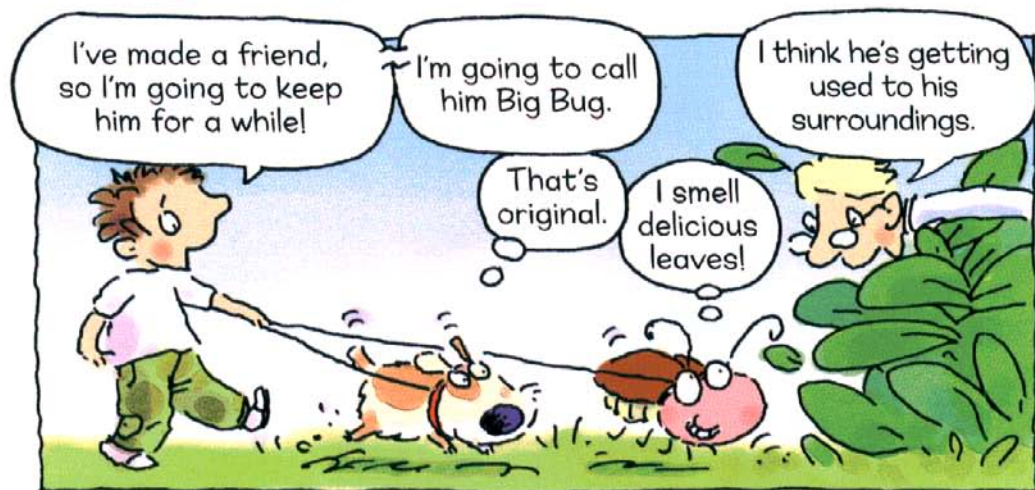


Woodlice are another kind of creepy-crawly called crustacea (crust-ay-sha).



Crabs and lobsters are crustacea too.

A bug's-eye view



This long-horned grasshopper hears through its legs!

LONG-HORNED GRASSHOPPER

My long horns are longer than your long horns!

LONGHORN BEETLE

These insects get their names from their long feelers.