FEELING LOUSY?

Got head lice? Don’t panic! Here are some helpful facts:

1. Head lice aren’t dangerous. Just annoying!
2. Head lice don’t care if your head is clean or dirty — anyone can get them!
3. Head lice ONLY like human heads (no dogs, cats or iguanas, please and thanks!)
4. Head lice bites won’t hurt. They’ll just itch.
5. Head lice aren’t hard to get rid of — just tell your school nurse, doctor or parents!
A single head lice is called a louse / lowse. Head lice have short / long legs. Head lice eggs are called nits / nats. Jump
Fly
20–30 days
2 weeks
10 days
Transgrandparent
Transit
Translucent
What word describes the quality of being see-through?
About the size of a housefly
About the size of a sesame seed
About two to three centimeters long
About the size of a dime
Hair
Human blood
Skin
What do head lice eat?
Find them!
The words listed at the bottom of the puzzle are hiding … just like nits like to hide in your hair!

mixed up and itchy!
Don’t be distracted by your scratching, unscramble the following words!

SCERTIN
LUSEO
PAETRATNKR
AWCL
SINT
MPSNSH
MUTYM
RIHA

wish you were here
Write a postcard, letter or email from a louse to one of its family members or friends. Using what you learned from the book, describe where you were born, how you got there, what you have been doing and how your “host” has been acting since you arrived (scratch, scratch).

fact vs. fiction
Spread out around the classroom. As the following statements are read out, take a step forward if it is true. If the statement is fiction, remain still.
1. Insects have eight legs.
2. Head lice use their long legs to jump from one hair to another.
3. Head lice cannot live on anything but a human head.
4. Head lice eat up to ten times a day.
5. Head lice are only attracted to dirty hair.
6. Older head lice are called nymphs.
7. Head lice eggs stick to hair for up to twelve days before they hatch.
8. A female louse lays only one egg a day.

interesting or disgusting?
Write down two facts about head lice that you found interesting.
1.
2.
Write down two facts about head lice that you found totally disgusting.
1.
2.
Write down one more question that you have about head lice.