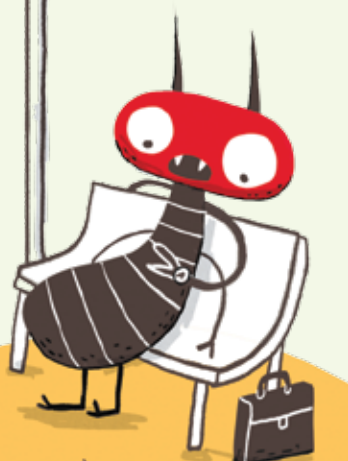


FEELING LOUSY?



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!

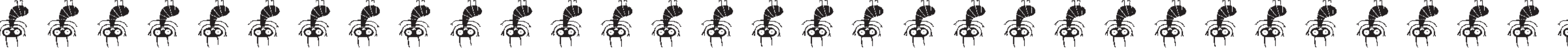


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DEAR EDUCATOR

Head Lice is a hilarious illustrated non-fiction book about the dreaded head louse. With the perfect blend of scientific fact and humor, this book will surely have your students itching for more! The activities and discussion prompts that follow will help your students use what they have learned to identify and describe head lice habitats, anatomy and behaviors, and enhance their understanding of this disgusting critter.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elise Gravel has always been fascinated by disgusting little creatures. At three-and-a-half, she founded the Organization for the Defense of Disgusting Critters, of which she was both president and the only member. Nowadays, when she’s not busy petting head lice, she writes and illustrates strange children’s books. Please visit elisegravel.com for more information.

BUT, WAIT!

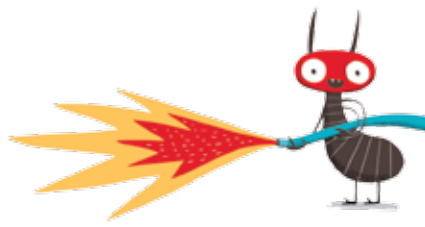
Before sharing the book with the class, read out the following clues.

- I am an insect.
- I am very small.
- You can see right through me.
- I can make you very itchy!
- Many people are afraid of me, but I don’t cause any real harm.
- Who am I?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Discover what your students already know about head lice. Consider using the following questions as prompts:

- What are head lice?
- Where can they be found?
- What do they look like?
- What do they eat?
- What else do you know about head lice?
- What do you want to know about head lice?



LOUSY LICE

Now that you’ve finished reading the book, show what you have learned about head lice. Circle the correct answer.

What do head lice eat?

- Skin
- Dirt
- Human blood
- Hair

How big is a single head louse?

- About the size of a dime
- About two to three centimeters long
- About the size of a sesame seed
- About the size of a housefly

What word describes the quality of being see-through?

- Translucent
- Transparent
- Transit
- Transgrandparent

How long do head lice usually live?

- 10 days
- 2 weeks
- 20–30 days
- 3 months

How do head lice move? RRRRRRRR

- Swim
- Fly
- Swing from hair to hair
- Jump

Head lice eggs are called nits / nats.

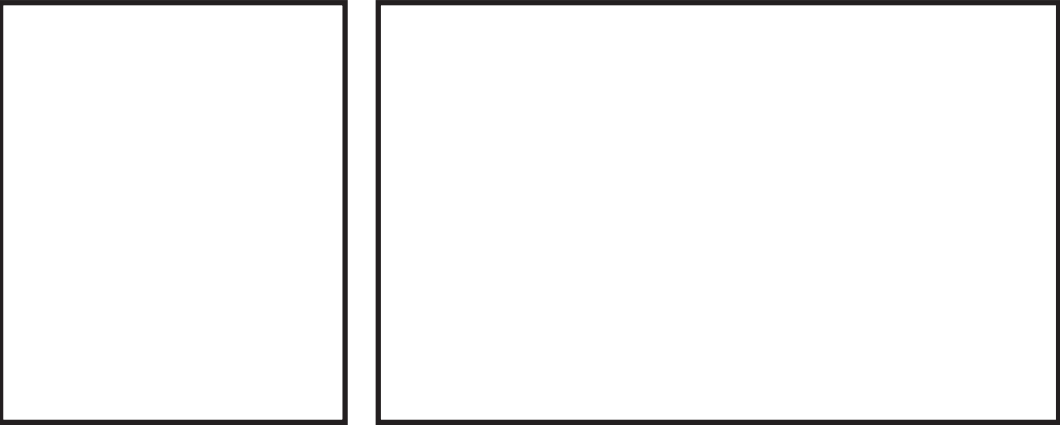
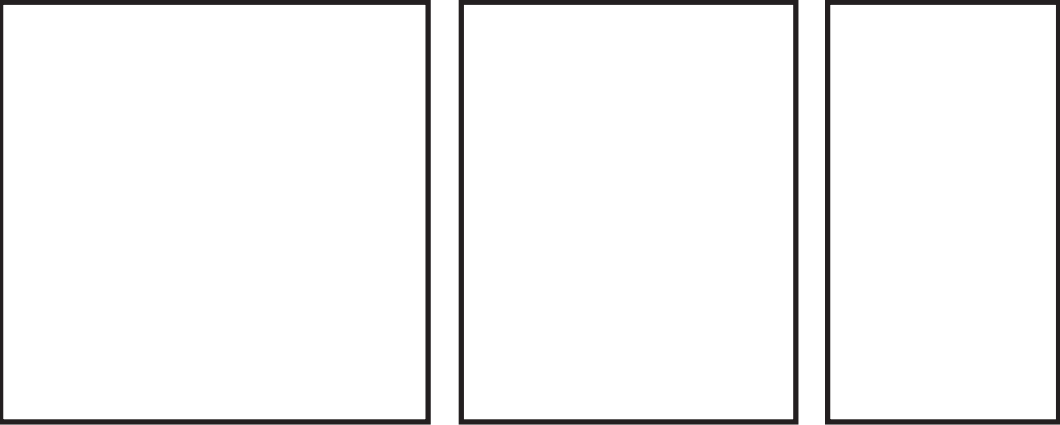
Head lice have short / long legs.

A single head lice is called a louse / lowse.



THE ADVENTURES OF COUNT DRACULOUSE

Draw a short comic strip adventure in the boxes below about a louse named Count Draculouse.



FIND THEM!

The words listed at the bottom of the puzzle are hiding ... just like nits like to hide in your hair!

t a j p g i w a l c i c
r r s c r a t c h r k l
a w k o b a w h r r o l
n b h y c r p n y l r i
s l x q i m v x a k d c
p o i s y n g a j q l e
a o g n a z s h b w y t
r d e k f s i e n x f l
e i x g i z s t c g a d
n j t i g v p i c t f g
t u i l h s u s i h q r
c b n x u o u a z d y x

itchy scratch claw blood
transparent nit insect eggs
nymph lice

MIXED UP AND ITCHY!

Don’t be distracted by your scratching, unscramble the following words! (Answers below.)

SCEITN
LUSEO
PNAETSRATNR
AWCL
SINT
MYPSTNH
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).

DON’T BE NICE TO LICE!

Design a poster that promotes head lice awareness. Include preventative measures and basic information about these pesky creatures that will help stop the spread of head lice in your classroom or community. Create a catchy slogan for your poster.

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.
9. A louse eats human blood.

INTERESTING OR DISGUSTING?

Write down two facts about head lice that you found interesting.

- 1.
- 2.

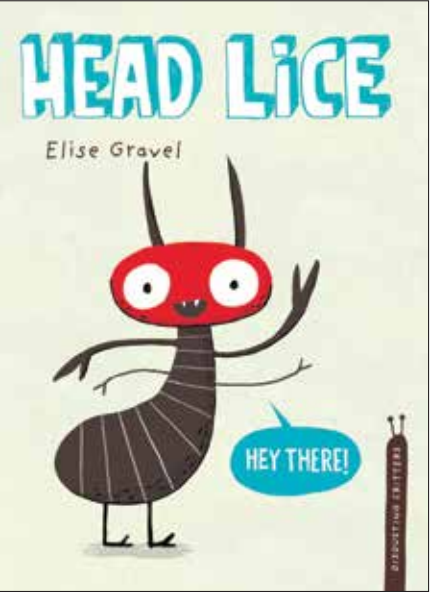
Write down two facts about head lice that you found totally disgusting.

- 1.
- 2.

Write down one more question that you have about head lice.

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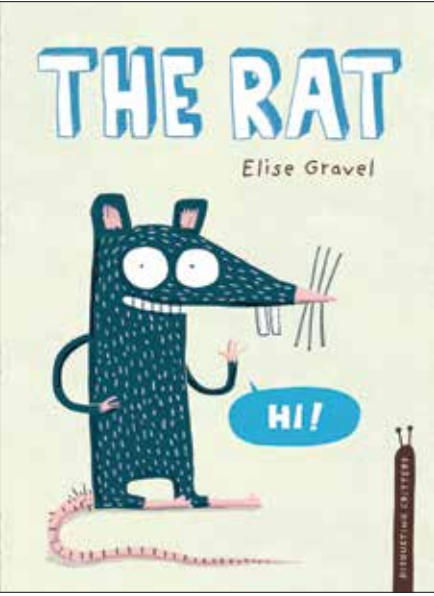
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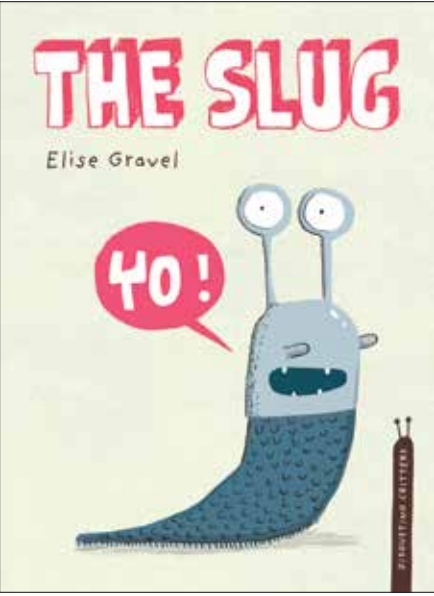
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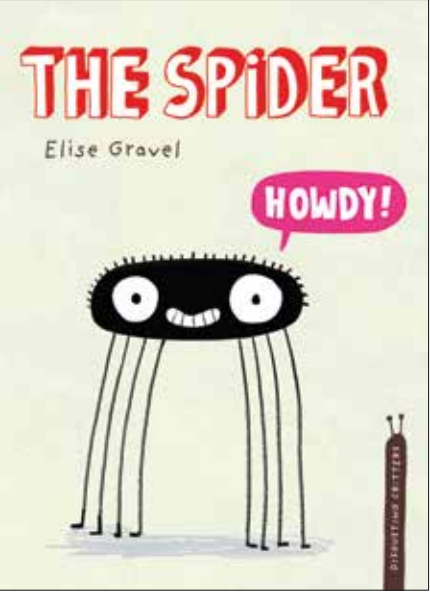
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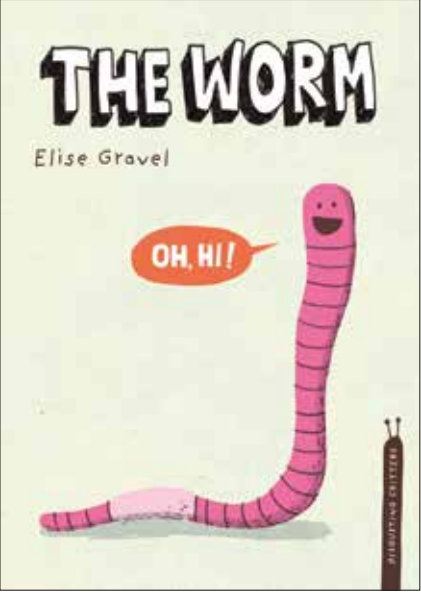
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