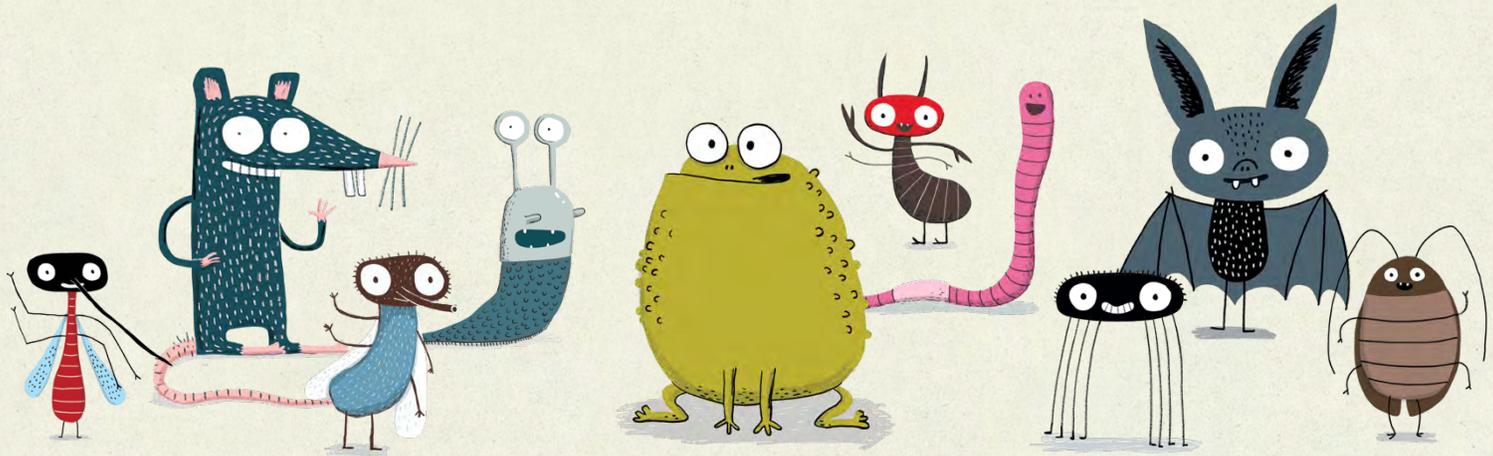


THE ORGANIZATION
FOR THE DEFENSE OF



DISGUSTING CRITTERS



AN ACTIVITY BOOKLET & MEMBERSHIP CARD



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A HISTORY

At age three-and-a-half, Elise Gravel founded the Organization for the Defense of Disgusting Critters, of which she was both president and the only member. Nowadays, the organization is accepting new members to help defend disgusting critters.



ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Elise Gravel is an award-winning author-illustrator from Quebec. She has won a Governor General's Award for Children's Illustration in French, and is well known for her original, wacky picture books and graphic novels.

BECOME A MEMBER!

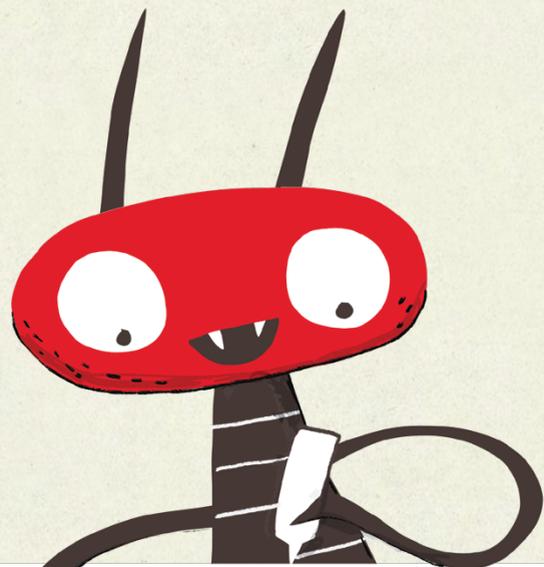
Now that you know more about the ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF DISGUSTING CRITTERS, are you ready to join?

First, you'll need to fill in your membership card.

Draw in a picture of yourself or glue a photo in the blank space.

Then, with the help of an adult, cut the card out so that you can carry it around.

TIP: MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD STRONGER BY GLUING IT TO A PIECE OF CARDBOARD



THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF DISGUSTING CRITTERS OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP CARD



NAME: _____

CITY: _____

DATE JOINED: _____

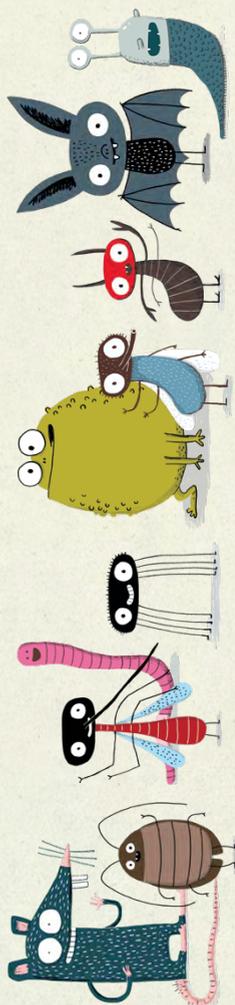
SPECIAL TALENT: _____

FOOD PREFERENCE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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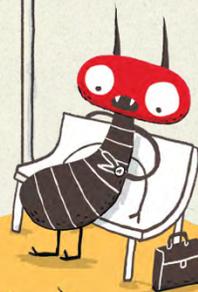


HEAD LICE

The words listed below are hiding in this puzzle . . . just like nits like to hide in your hair! Look carefully and circle the words you find.

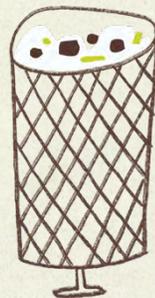
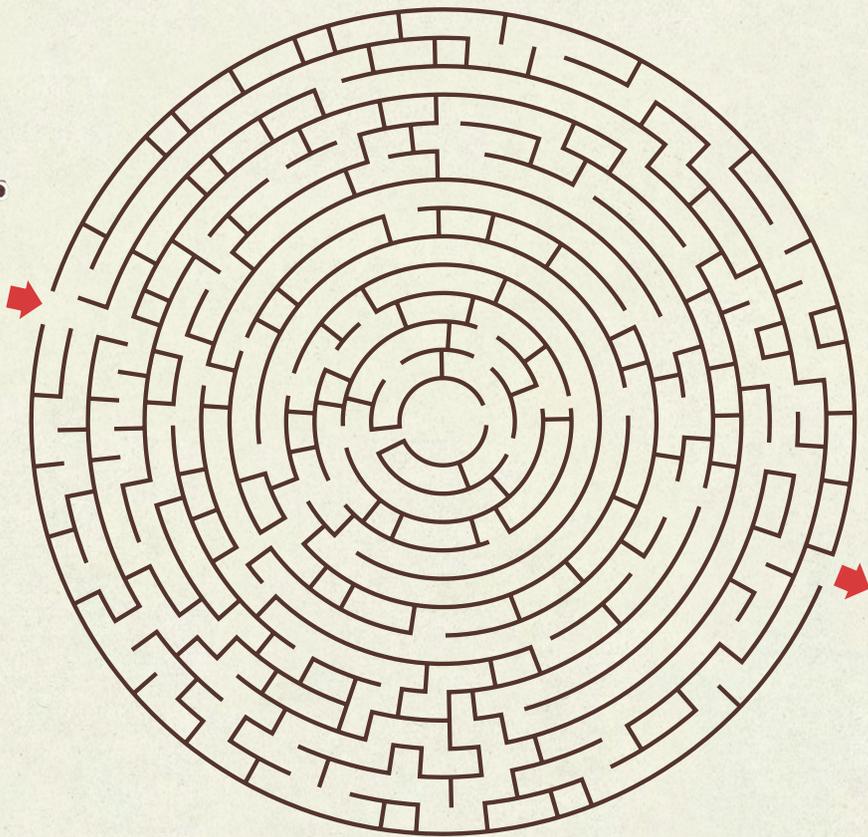
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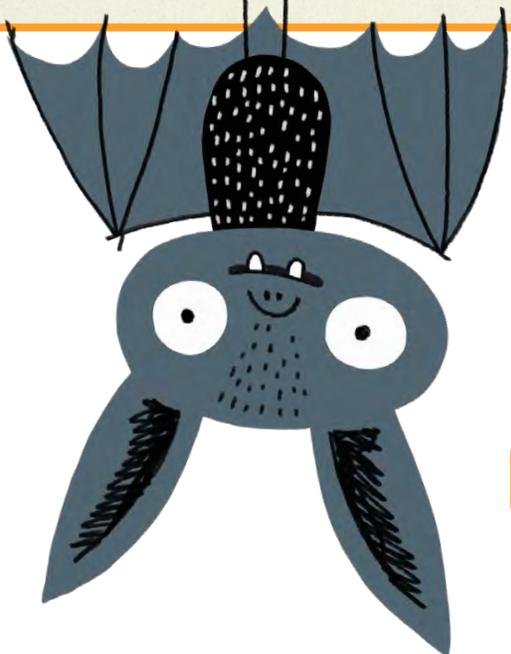


THE FLY

Help the hungry housefly find his way to the garbage for some lunch!



THE BAT



Oh no! Help the bat unscramble some of these key words! Then use the letters in the circled boxes to solve the final word.

LAMAMM

SHERBAINTE

DUPIES NODW

THONOLACECIO

TEAROPCHIR

Next time you see a bat,
just let him snore away in

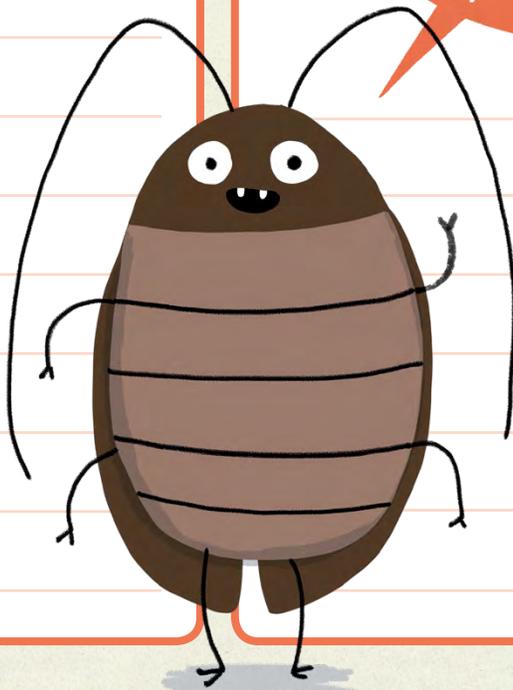
The bat is
your friend!

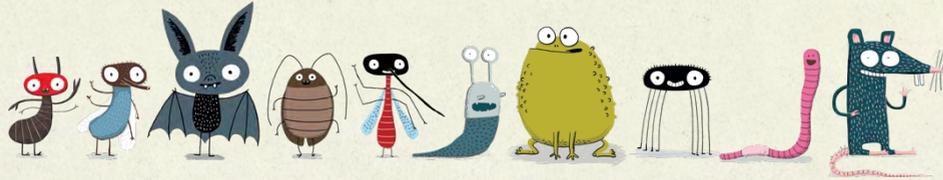
THE COCKROACH

1.

2.

What are two facts about cockroaches that you found interesting?





What critters would you add? Draw them here.

THE MOSQUITO



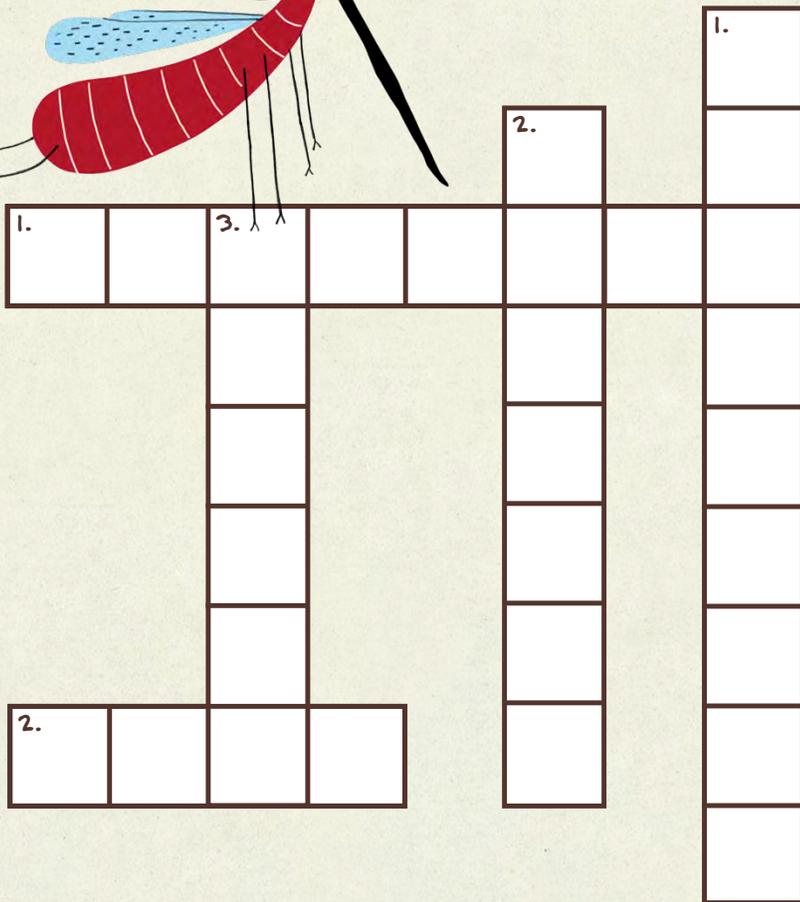
COMPLETE THIS
CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

ACROSS

- There are more than 3,000 _____ species.
- The mosquito's wings _____ between up to 800 times per second.

DOWN

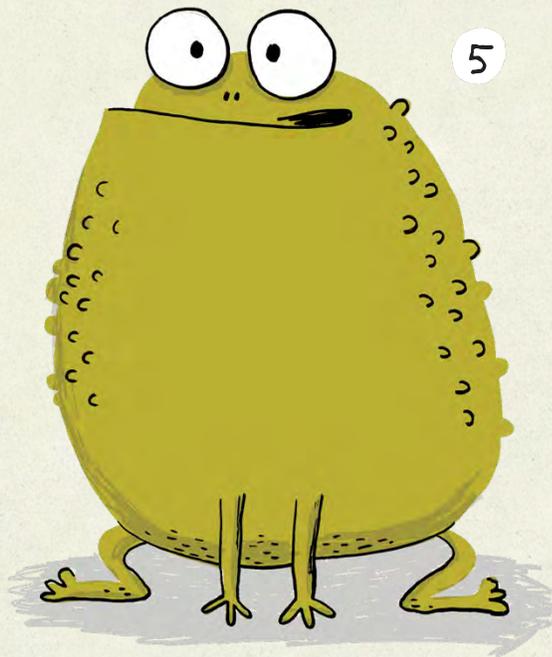
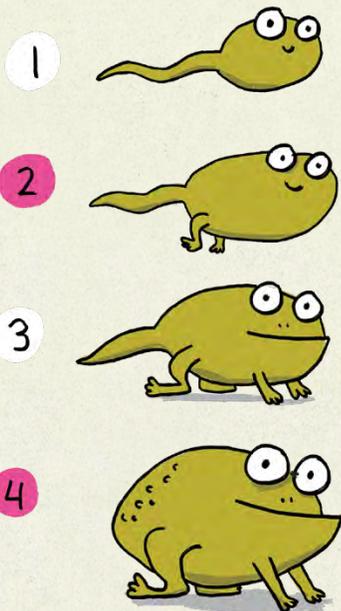
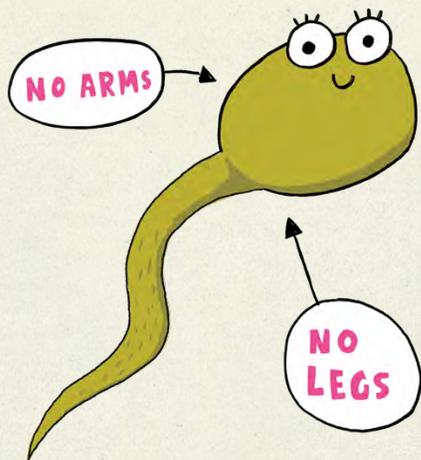
- The mosquito bites us with a long truck called a _____.
- The mosquito finds us by detecting the carbon _____ that we emit when we breathe.
- When she stings, the mosquito injects a bit of _____ in our skin.



THE TOAD

Act out with your body the life cycle of a toad. Begin as an egg, develop through the four stages described in the book and then show some of the things a toad might do in a day.

TADPOLES



THE WORM

Use the clues to unscramble the vocabulary you learned in the book.

A long digestive tract inside a muscle tube.

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What worms do with their muscles to help them move.

.....

The place where a plant or animal normally lives.

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What worms do with nature's waste.

.....

Photoreceptors can be found in the worm's _____.

RATEHMORW

.....

TOCRANCT

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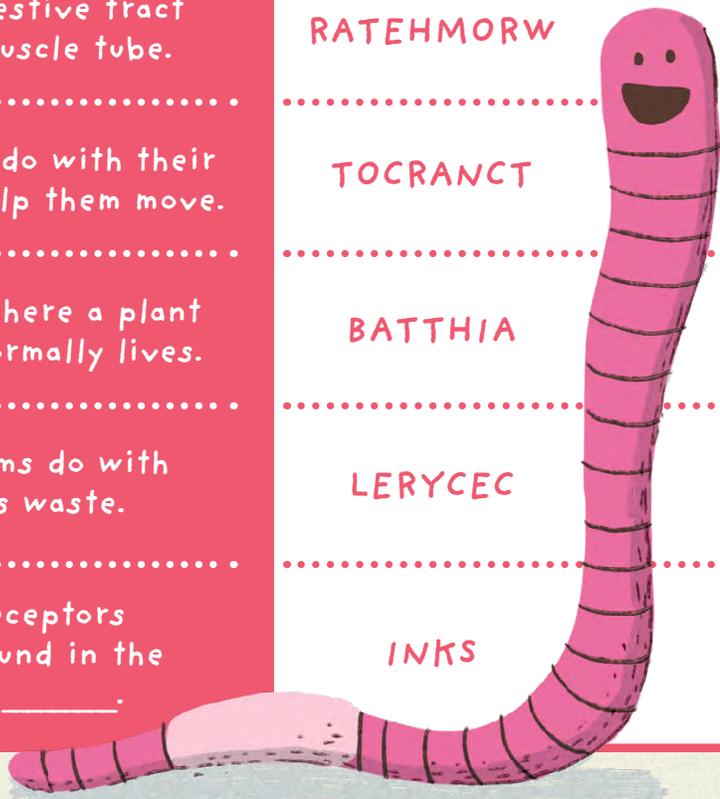
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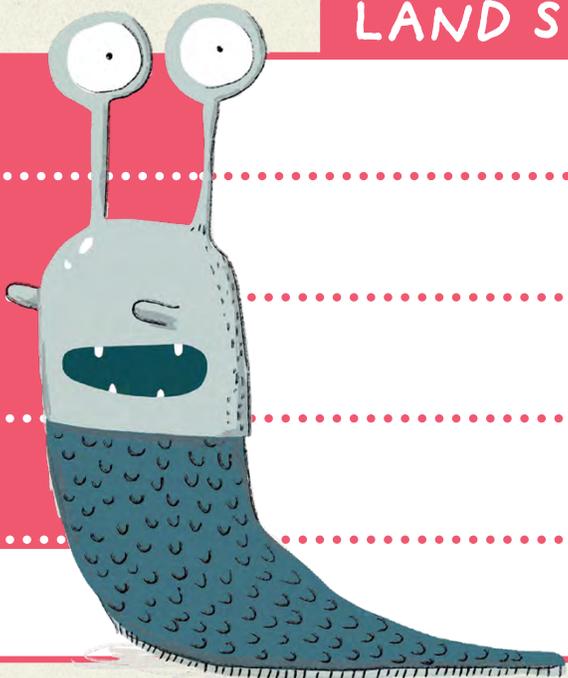
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THE SLUG

Snails and slugs are both mollusks. Do some research and compare and contrast land snails and land slugs using the following chart.

	LAND SLUG	LAND SNAIL
What does it look like?		
How does it move?		
Where does it live?		
Where does it eat?		



Select a fifth criteria to compare

THE SPIDER

Show what you have learned about spiders. Circle the correct answer(s).

HOW MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPIDERS ARE THERE?

- More than 60,000
- Less than 10,000
- More than 40,000
- 1,000,000

WHERE CAN YOU FIND SPIDERS?

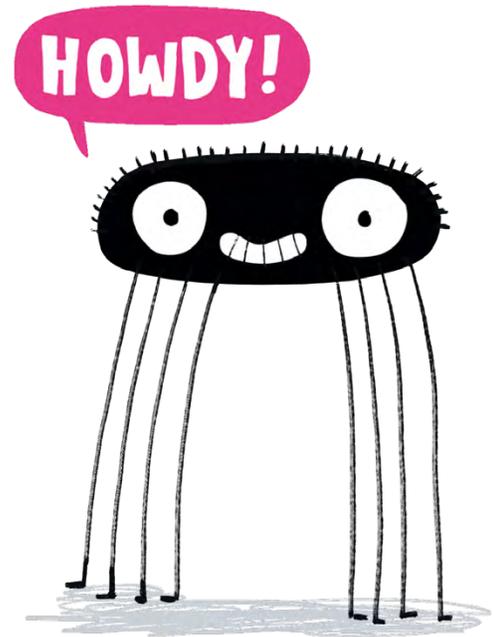
- Warm climates
- Cold climates
- Underground
- All of the above

HOW DO SOME SPIDER MOTHERS CARRY THEIR BABIES?

- In a stroller
- With their legs
- With their teeth
- On their backs

WHAT DO SPIDERS USE TO PRODUCE SILK?

- Abdomen
- Eyes
- Legs
- Fangs



THE RAT

With the help of an adult, cut out the tanagram pieces on the fold-out and assemble these critters.



THE SPIDER



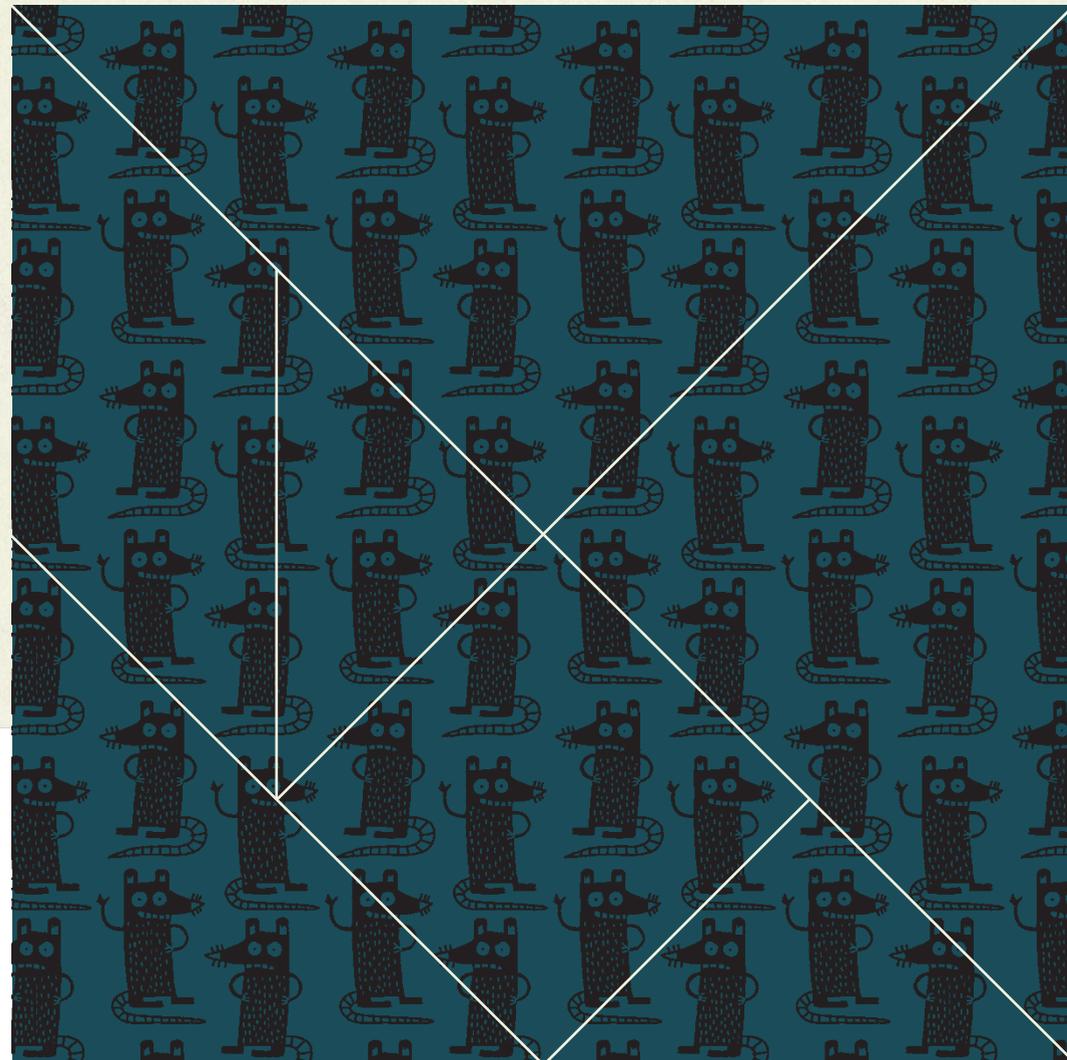
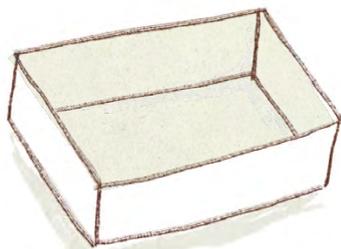
THE WORM



THE BAT

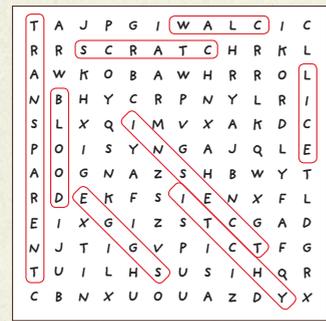


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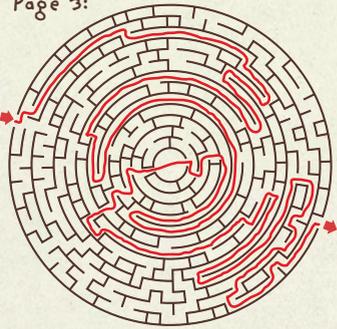


ANSWERS:

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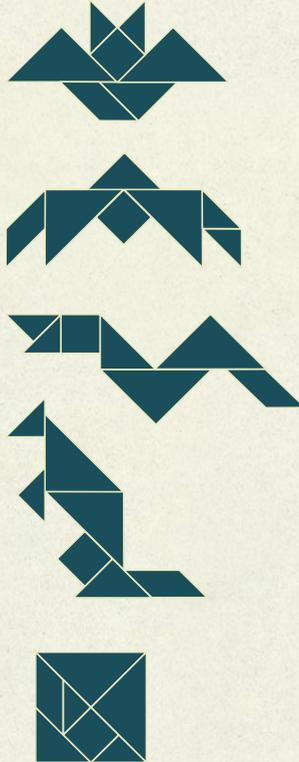
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Across 1. Mosquito 2. Flap
Down: 1. Proboscis 2. Dioxide
3. Saliva

Page 11: More than 40,000,
All of the above, On their backs,
Abdomen

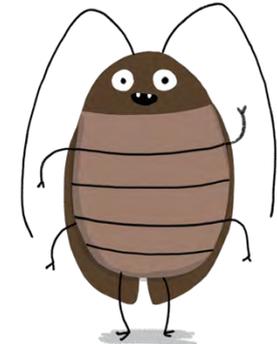
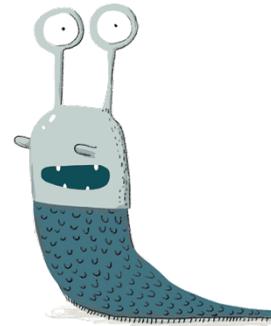
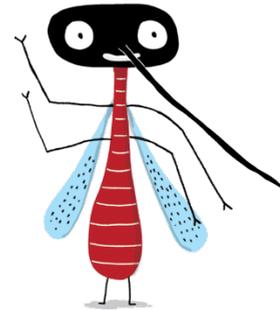
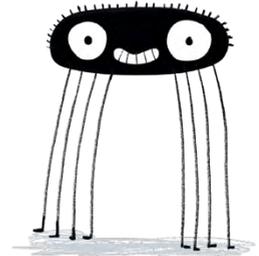
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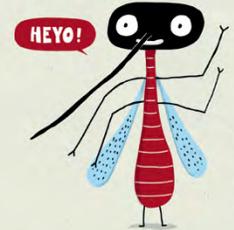
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