

★ Today I had a letter from my best friend Bertie. He is a magical cat too!  
Read the letter with your helper.

Dear Mavis

I made the best magical potion ever yesterday! It had our favourite things in it - wriggly, tickly spiders! I thought I would share the potion with you so that you can make it too.

What you need:

- some jelly cubes
- warm water
- a glass bowl
- some spiders!

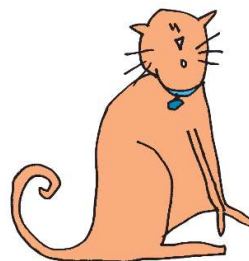
What you do:

1. Pull the jelly cubes apart and put them in the glass bowl.
2. Pour over the warm water.
3. Wait for the jelly cubes to melt.
4. Sprinkle in the spiders.
5. Put the bowl into the fridge.

You will be so surprised what this magical potion turns into. I'll give you a clue ... it will be wibbly and wobbly!

Hope you enjoy it!

Your best friend. 



Let's get creative!



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Pop some little plastic spiders in the jelly or, if you don't have any plastic ones, raisins or sultanas work well.



### Mavis's Challenge

- ★ Can you follow Bertie's instructions to make up his potion?
- ★ Once it is wibbly wobbly, can you get the spiders out with a cocktail stick or some tweezers?



Out and about

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Take your child outside, if possible, and get hunting in the soil, under rocks, and in bushes. Support your child to tick off any creatures they spot and add any others they find to the checklist.

★ I am sure that you like spiders and other crawly creatures just like me. I wonder how many you can spot outside.

I found ...



I also found ...

Read  
together



★ I've had such great fun putting together some mini beast fact files for you to read with your helper ...

## My Worm Fact File



Name: earthworm

Colour: reddish brown

Number  
of legs: none

### Did you know?

- Earthworms have no eyes.
- They eat dead leaves.
- They are covered in hairs to help them move.

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## My Spider Fact file



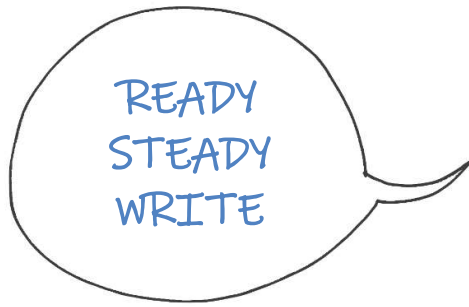
Name: spider

Colour: most are brown or black  
but some are bright red,  
green or yellow

Number  
of legs: eight

### Did you know?

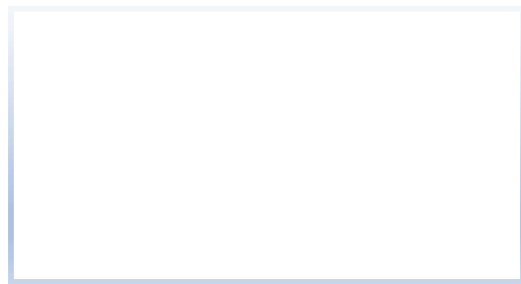
- Spiders are not insects.
- They spin a web to catch their food.
- They lay eggs.



★ Have a go at making your own fact-file for a mini-beast with your helper.

My \_\_\_\_\_

## Factfile



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

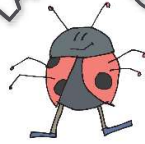
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Number of legs: \_\_\_\_\_

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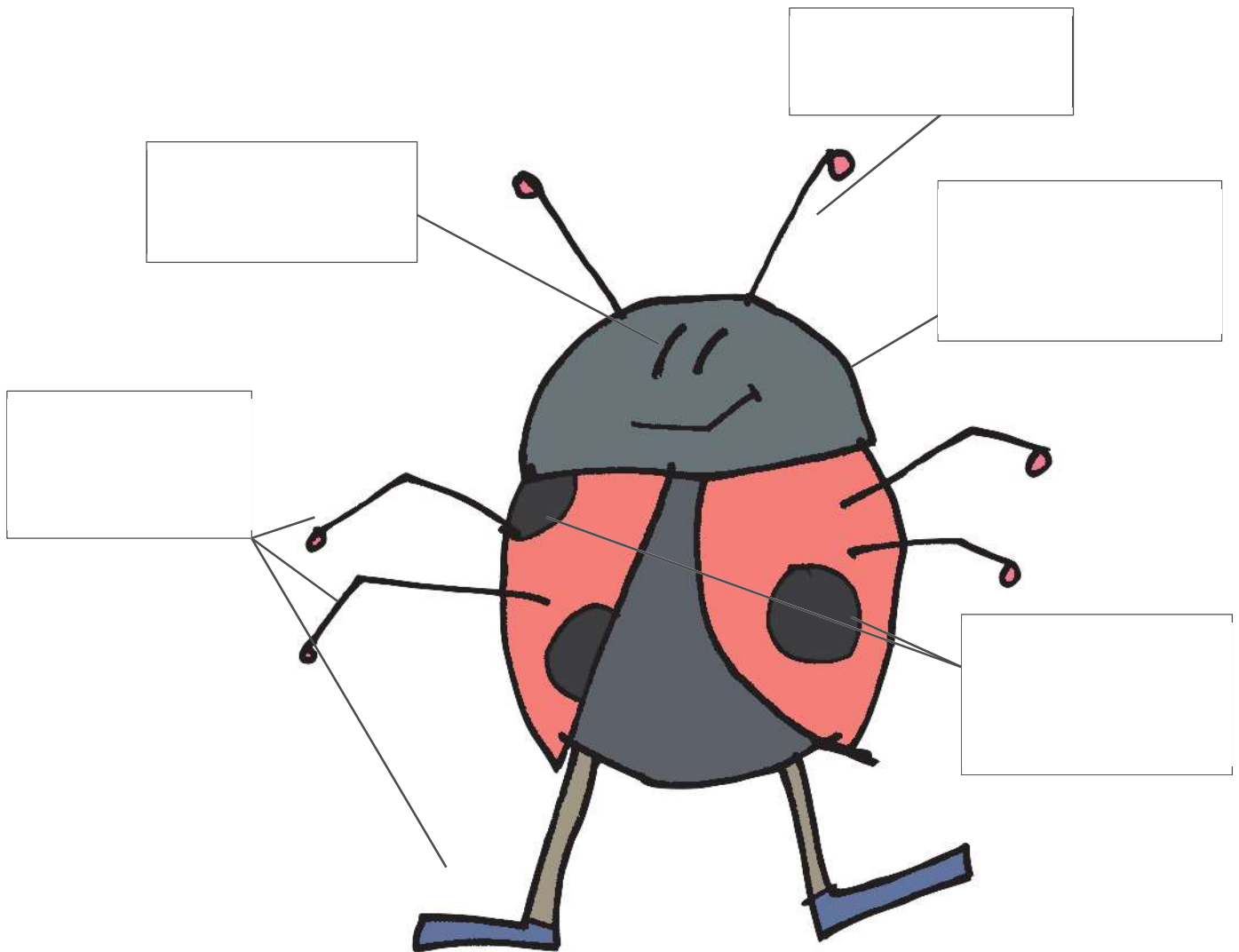
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# LADYBIRD



## WORDS

★ Ladybird has been thinking about different parts of her body. Can you label her with the right words? She has written all the words at the bottom of the page to help you.



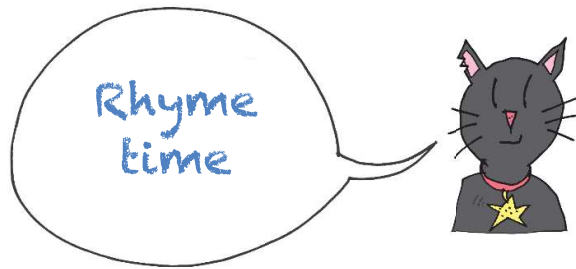
antenna

legs

head

eye

spots



## Who's Counting by Celia Warren

One for a shadow  
Two for a scare  
Three for a cobweb  
in my hair.

Four for a whisper  
Five for a scream  
Six for a monster  
in my dream.

Seven for a shiver  
up my spine:  
Reach for the light switch  
just in time!

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