



**Activities designed for you and your child to do together –
to enjoy the Bugging Out theme and grow reading skills, too!**

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(1st gr – 3rd gr)

**Make sure to use the Abound app daily to start conversations about books and ideas and
build your child's reading skills...playfully!**

A very hungry ladybug!

This ladybug needs to have some dinner. Can you draw a line through the maze to show it the way?



Do you see all 4 aphids on the pink rose? They are tiny bugs!

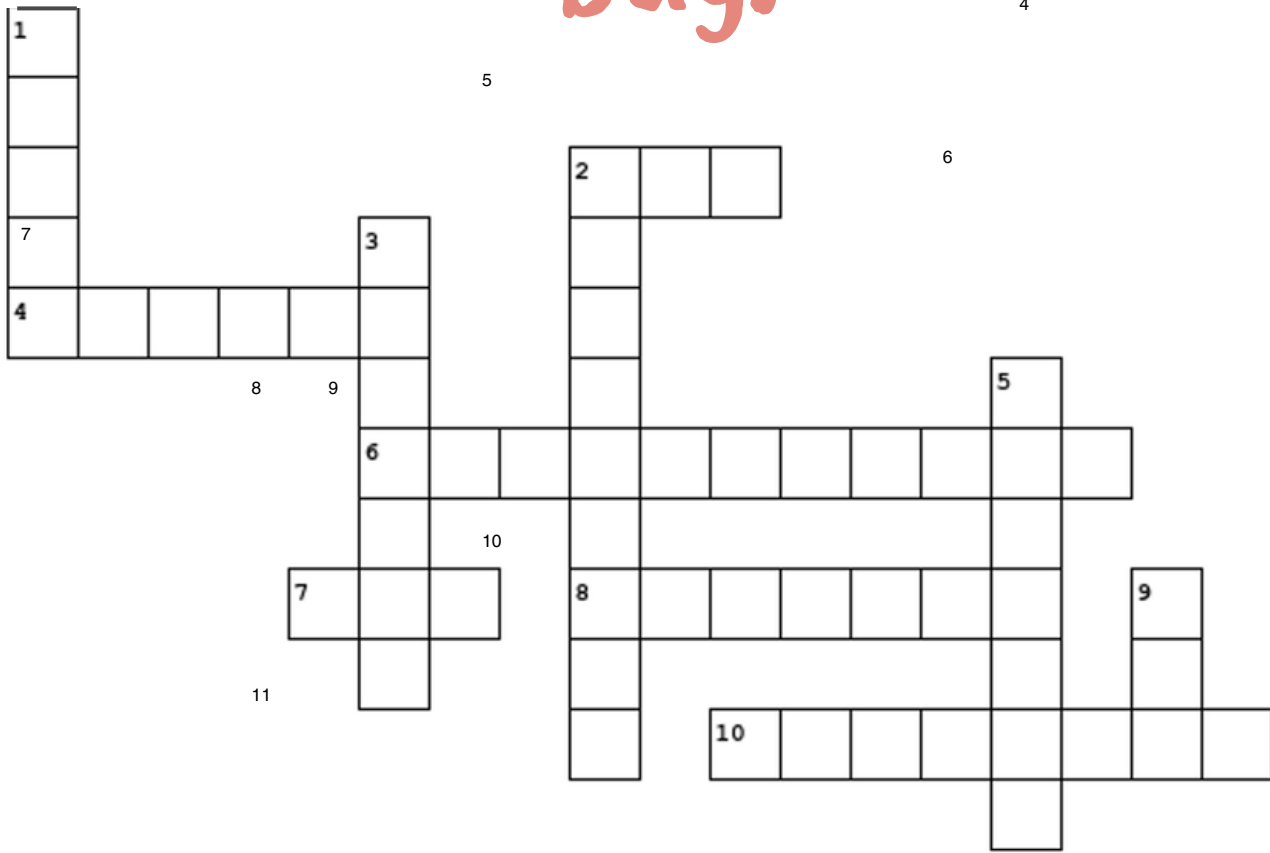
Aphids sip a sugary juice called sap from inside plants. If they drink too much sap, the plant's leaves curl up or get yellow.



One ladybug can eat up to 50 aphids a day.

Why do you think farmers love ladybugs?

Catch the crossword bug!



Across

2. This insect visits flowers and can make honey.
4. This eight-legged animal is not an insect.
6. This crawling insect later changes into a butterfly or moth.
7. A spider may spin this to catch food.
8. This insect can glow in the dark.
10. This winged insect is often active at night.

Down

1. Many insects use these body parts to fly.
2. This insect has colorful wings and begins life as a caterpillar.
3. This insect chirps by rubbing parts of its wings together.
5. This round beetle is often red with black spots.
9. This small insect lives and works in a colony.

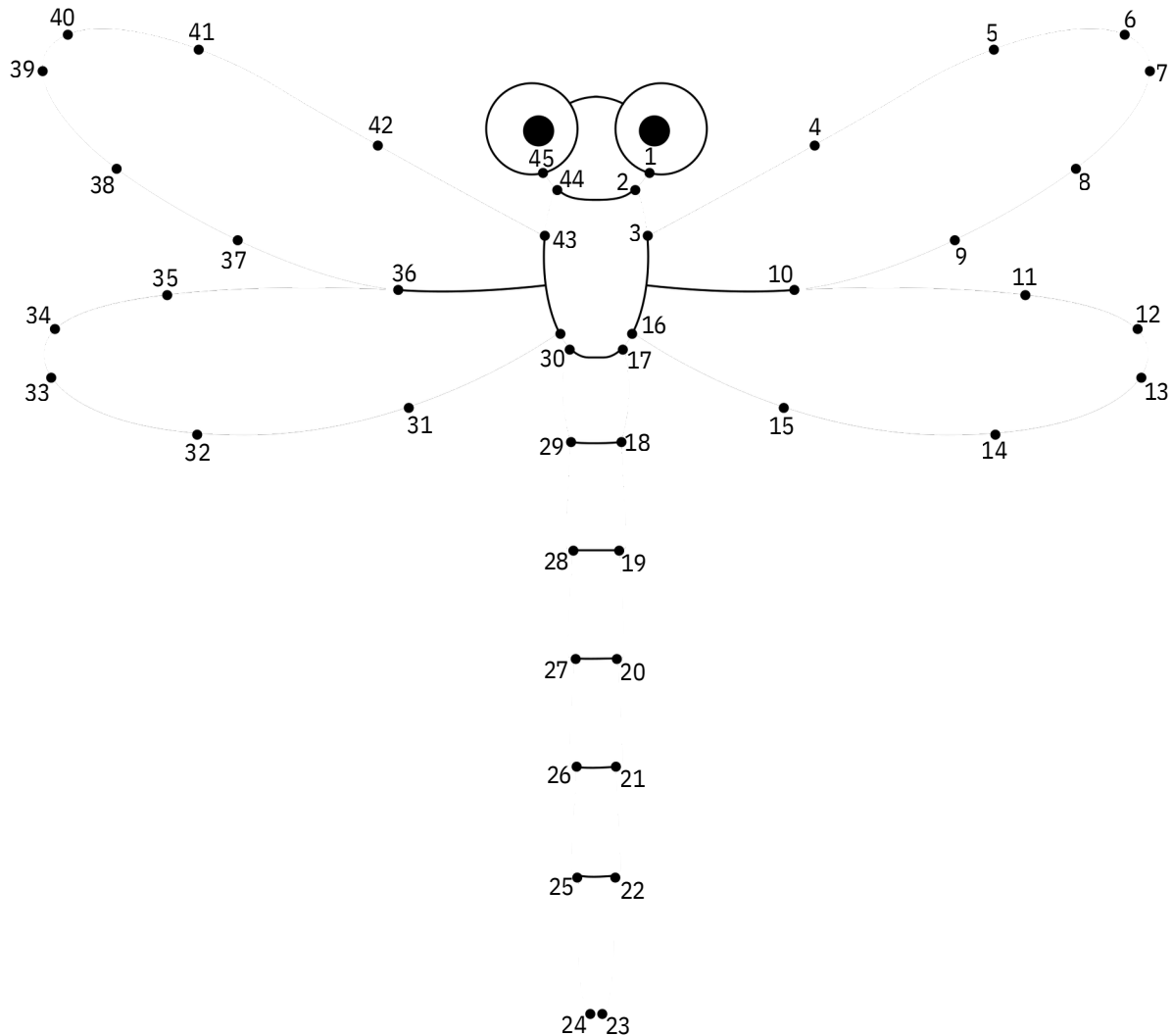
Work with an adult or older child to fill in all the words on this crossword puzzle!

WordUp!

ANALYZE

(7/20-7/26)

To ANALYZE means to study or look something over very carefully, in order to learn more about it.



Work together to connect the dots and see the insect above. Then talk together about these questions below!

- This insect's name is a compound word. The first part is a mythical figure and the second part is an insect that we like to "shoo" away. Can you guess its name? _____
- Have you ever seen one of these bugs near a pond or river?
- Would you rather **ANALYZE** one of these insects or a different type? Why? How would you do it?

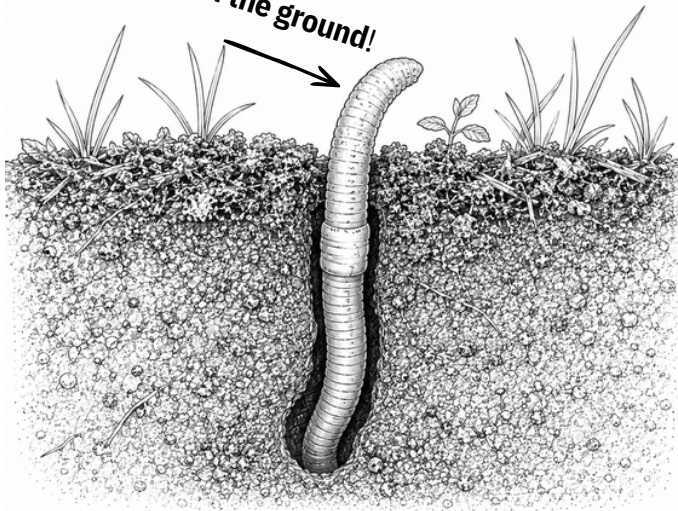
WordUp!

EMERGE

(7/27-8/02)

To **EMERGE** means to come out from hiding or to come out from a place where you couldn't be seen.

EMERGING from the ground!



Earthworms don't have noses or lungs. Instead, they breathe oxygen in the soil through their slimy skin!

if it rains hard and water in the soil crowds out oxygen, earthworms **EMERGE** from the ground to breathe air.

If earthworms end up on a sidewalk, they can't survive long. That's because if it's too hot it dries out their skin.

If you were walking down a sidewalk and saw an earthworm, why would it be a good idea to pick it up and place it carefully on some grass or mud?

Draw below what you would use to pick it up!