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August 2021 ** Award-Winning Fun **
These strawberry ladybugs are easy to make—and fun to eat.

Ladybugs
You Can Eat!

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by Sami, age 7
by Anika, age 6
by Beckam, age 6
by Tiffanee, age 4
by Jude, age 4
by Mikey, age 5
by Annika, age 6
by Low, age 5
by Low, age 6
by Mikey, age 5
by Jude, age 4
by Mikey, age 5
by Jude, age 4

HIPPO
RED FOX
DOLPHIN
SHARKS

RACCOON
Bald Eagle

Draw, Make, or Do!
Blue whales do not have teeth.

Honey bees cannot see the color red.

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A hippo can outrun a human.

Tree kangaroos live in trees.

The elf owl is the world's smallest owl.

A leopard's spots are called rosettes.
When temperatures rise, animals have many different ways to cool down.

Go for a Dip
A brown bear cools off by soaking in a stream.
Open Wide
An iguana opens its mouth to let heat escape from its body.

Find Some Shade
It’s cooler in the shade than it is out in the sun. So, giraffes find a tree to stand under.

Shed Some Layers
When the weather warms up, a mountain goat sheds its thick winter coat.

What do you do to beat the heat?
Hide in a Hole

A fennec fox stays in a cool burrow during the hottest part of the day. It comes out at night when it is cooler.

Chill on the Ice

Even a polar bear can get overheated. When that happens, the bear stretches out on the ice.

Catch a Breeze

A roadrunner puffs up its feathers so cool breezes can reach its skin.
The two friends kept walking and taking photos. Ricky took one of a butterfly on a wildflower. Then Flora took one of a boulder shaped like a pear. Ricky found some beautiful mushrooms. And Flora got a shot of a leaf floating in the creek.

Just then, Bizzie Beaver and Mitzi Mink walked up.

“Hi, guys,” said Flora. “Come help us take pictures of nature.”

“Cool!” said Bizzie.

The four friends spent the next hour hiking through the woods. They took all kinds of great photos, from a squirrel nibbling a pine cone to puffy white clouds floating across the sky.

“What should we take a picture of next?” asked Flora.

“How about a tired beaver taking a rest?” said Bizzie with a groan. He headed over to a nearby log and sat down on it. But just as he sat, the log rolled. And Bizzie toppled off.

“Oops!” he said, with a silly grin.

A tiny caterpillar crawled slowly along a branch. Ricky Raccoon pointed the camera on his phone carefully. Then he pushed the button to take the picture. “Got it!” he proclaimed.

Ricky and his friend Flora Skunk were on a photo safari. That meant they were hunting for things to take pictures of.

“The caterpillar will make a great photo, Ricky,” said Flora. “Let’s see what else we can find.”

The friends hiked along, looking high and low. Suddenly Flora stopped. “Look, Ricky!” she said and pointed. Spread between two tree trunks was a beautiful spider web.

“Good one, Flora,” said Ricky. He handed her the phone, and she took the picture.

“When we’ve finished, we can print out all our photos and put them in an album,” said Flora.
“Too bad I didn’t get a picture of that!” Ricky said with a giggle.

Bizzie sat up and rested his arm on the old log. “I’m hungry,” he said. “Maybe we should go home. Wait. Hang on!”

Bizzie forgot that he was hungry. He was staring at the log with big eyes.

“What is it, Bizzie?” asked Mitzi. Bizzie’s friends came closer for a look.

On the bottom of the rolled-over log, they saw an amazing sight. Beetles and crickets scurried every which way. A many-legged millipede hurried along on its many feet. Ants disappeared into tunnels in the wood. The “dead” log was alive with life!

“Wow!” said Ricky. He started taking pictures. He took a picture of a slug gliding along. Then he took a photo of a salamander. He kept shooting photos. Suddenly something red appeared on the screen. Ricky lowered the phone.

“Hi, Mrs. C!” Ricky said, happily.

“Hello, everybody,” said their friend Mrs. Cardinal. “I see you’ve discovered the secret world of a rotting log.”

Bizzie lay down on his belly to watch all the action. “You know,” he said, “we must look like giants to these little creatures!”

“What are all those little creatures doing here?” asked Flora.

Mrs. C smiled. “They live here!” she explained. “Some of them eat the wood. Others use it for shelter or as a place to lay their eggs.”

Flora looked at the log and then at her friends. “This log is their home,” she said. “Maybe we should roll it back the way it was.”

The others agreed. Mrs. Cardinal flew to a nearby bush as the friends gently rolled the log back over.

“I wish I could see that secret world again,” said Bizzie. “But I wouldn’t want to bother all those little creatures.”

“Don’t worry, Bizzie,” said Ricky. “You can see it again, and without bothering anybody.”

“How?” Bizzie asked.

Ricky held up his phone. “With all the pictures I took, we can see the secret world anytime we want!”
A beetle is a type of insect. There are thousands of different kinds, and they live almost everywhere.

**Meet the Beetles**

**Beetle Bodies**

All beetles have two sets of wings: hard wings and flying wings.

A ladybug is a kind of beetle.
How Beetles Look

Beetles come in many different shapes, sizes, and colors.

A **cedar beetle** has fan-shaped antennae.

A **giraffe beetle** has a really long neck, like a giraffe’s.

A **tortoise beetle** looks like a tiny turtle.

A **spiny leaf beetle** is covered with sharp spikes.

An **A violin beetle** gets its name from the shape of its head and wings.
How Beetles Behave

There’s no one way to be a beetle. Different kinds act differently.

A **firefly** is a kind of beetle. This beetle flashes its taillight on and off to attract a mate.

**Dung beetles** eat poop left behind by other animals. They roll the poop into balls and save them to eat later.

**Dung** is another word for poop.

**Stag beetles** have big jaws that look like antlers. When two males meet, they wrestle and try to flip each other away.

**Watch it!**

A **bloody-nosed beetle** is big and slow. So, this beetle spits out a drop of red goop to scare away its enemies.

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Female bald eagles are bigger than males.

Bald eagles are huge birds. An eagle’s outstretched wings can reach from one end of a sofa to the other.
Beautiful Beetles
• Find a beetle with big jaws.
• Find a blue beetle.
• Find a beetle that lights up.
• Find a beetle with a horn.
• Find two beetles that look alike.

B is for Beetle
Find five other animals that start with the letter **B**.
Find an animal that ends with the letter **B**.
We live at the... **BEACH**

The sandy beach we live on is next to the ocean.

- **Plover** watches her chick.
- **Sea star** sits on the sand.
- **Gull** wades through the surf.

I live at the beach, too. **Guess who I am.**

1. I come out of my burrow at night.
2. I dig in the sand.
3. I use my claws like chopsticks.

Turn the page to see who I am.
CRABBY BUT CUTE!

A ghost crab keeps an eye out for danger as it scurries across the beach.
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