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Ladybugs

Directions: Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color a raindrop each time you read. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.

Ladybugs

A ladybug is a type of beetle. It is an insect. Ladybugs are also called ladybird beetles. Ladybugs live in gardens, forests, and even in houses!

Ladybugs hatch from tiny, yellow eggs. Larvae hatch from the eggs. The larva has six legs and grows quickly. As the larva grows, it **molts**, or sheds its skin. Then, the larva attaches itself to a leaf. It turns into a pupa. Inside the pupa, the ladybug is changing. Finally, an adult ladybug emerges from the pupa.

Ladybugs eat aphids. Aphids are tiny bugs that eat plants and crops. A ladybug's bright color helps protect it. Birds think the bright colored insect will taste bad. Ladybugs are fascinating insects!



Read and Look Back:

Use a green crayon to highlight the sentence that tells where a ladybug lives.

Use a purple crayon to highlight the text that tells what the word **molt** means.

Use a yellow crayon to highlight what a ladybug eats.

Read and Respond:

Infer! Farmers like ladybugs. Why do you think this is true?
