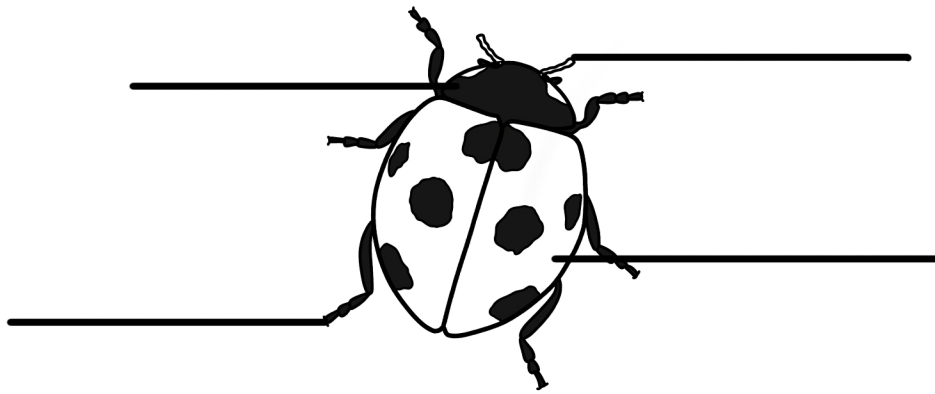


Ladybugs are small, round beetles that are often red with black spots. They have six legs and two wings. Ladybugs are found in gardens and parks around the world. They like to eat tiny insects called aphids, which helps gardeners because aphids can damage plants.

In the spring, ladybugs lay eggs on the underside of leaves. These eggs hatch into larvae, which look very different from adult ladybugs. The larvae are long and spiky, and they eat a lot of aphids. After a few weeks, the larvae change into pupae. Then, they transform into adult ladybugs.

Ladybugs are helpful and liked by many people. Some people believe that if a ladybug lands on you, it brings good luck. Ladybugs can also protect themselves by releasing a yellow liquid that scares away other insects and animals. This makes the ladybug a fascinating and beneficial creature in nature.



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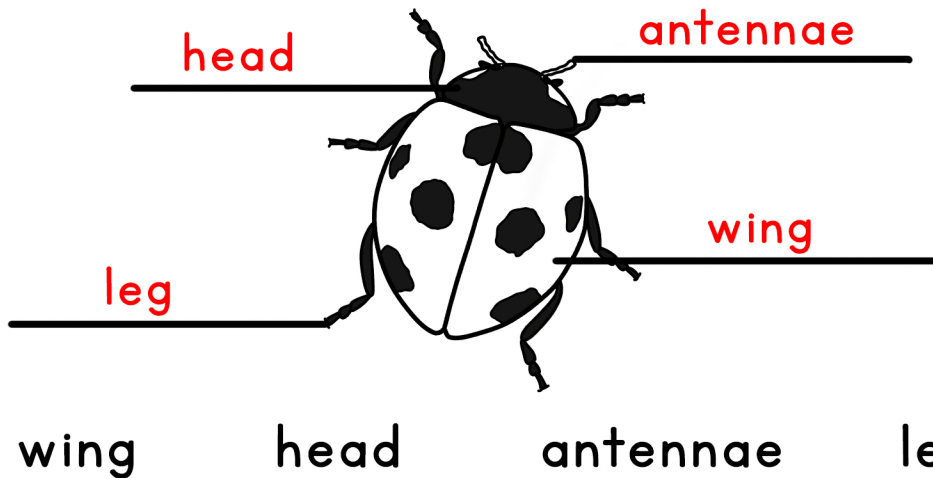


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