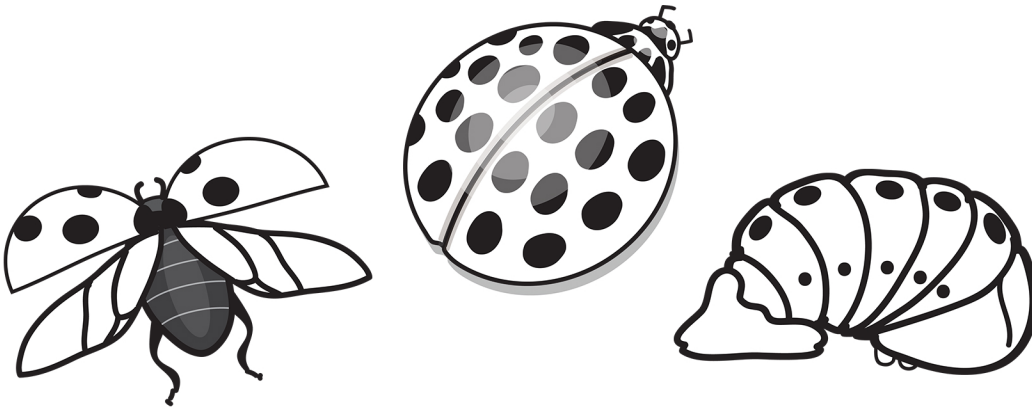


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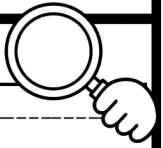
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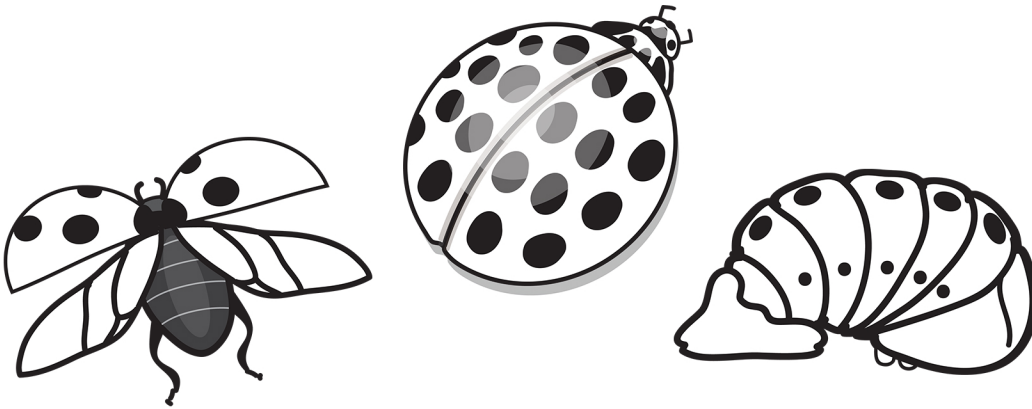
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It stays very still and looks like it isn't alive so the predator loses interest.

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Warning colors help because they teach predators to stay away without the ladybug ever having to fight.

