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 What kind of animal is a firefly? A firefly is not a fly!
 A firefly is a beetle.
 It is a special beetle.
 A firefly can light up at night!



Fireflies have another name.
Fireflies are also lightning bugs.
Fireflies glow and light up at night.
Fireflies talk to each other when they glow and light up.



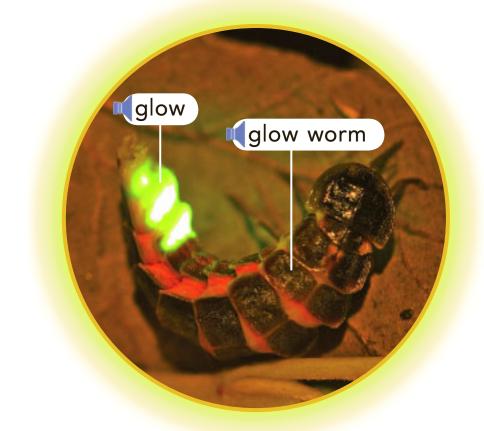
- A firefly is black. It has two red spots on its head.
- It also has a yellow stripe on its head. A firefly has a yellow stripe on its wings.
 When it is day, a firefly sits upon plants and trees.



- Look at how a firefly grows. First, a mother firefly lays her eggs under the ground. It is spring.
- Then the larva grows in the egg. Sometimes we can see firefly eggs glow and light up.

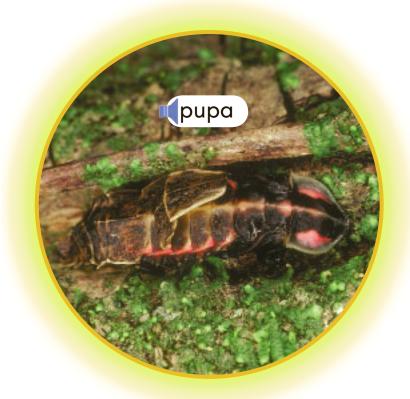


 In three weeks, the larva comes out of the egg.
 The larva is hungry!
 What does the larva eat?
 The larva eats worms and snails.



Do you know what a glow worm is?

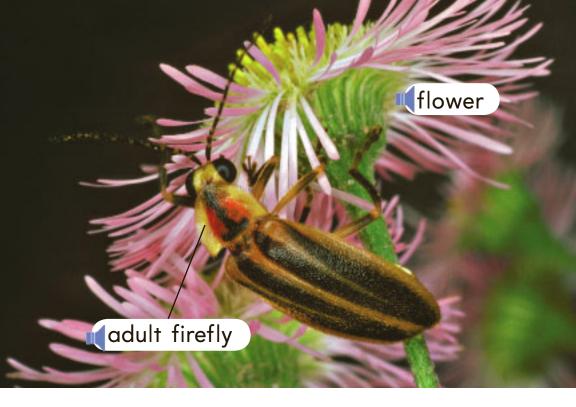
A glow worm is a firefly larva.
 A firefly larva looks like a worm.
 A firefly larva can glow, too.
 Look at the glow worm light up!



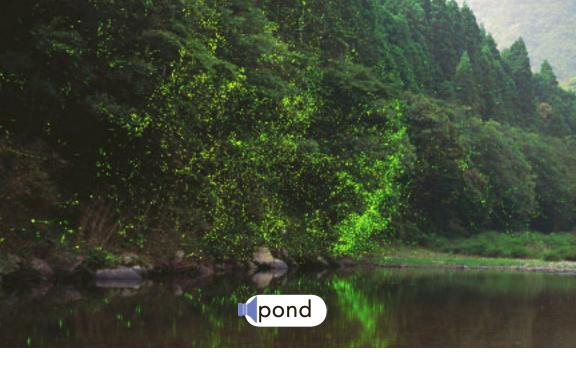
The larva gets cold in the fall and winter.

The larva goes under the ground. The larva is <mark>warm</mark>.

Then it is spring. The larva makes a house. The larva grows. Now the larva is a pupa.



- In 10 days, the pupa is an adult firefly.
- The firefly is ready to fly. The firefly is ready to eat. Some fireflies eat nectar from
 - a <mark>flower</mark>.
 - Some fireflies eat other insects.



Fireflies fly to many places all summer.

You can see fireflies by a pond.

You can see fireflies by a stream. Look! Do you see anything in the trees? Do you see little lights?

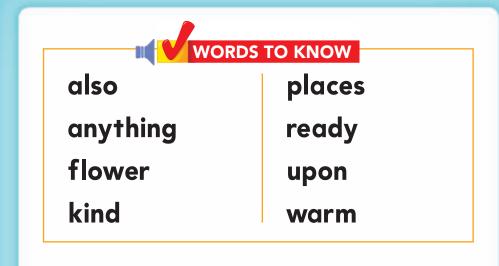
Do you see fireflies?

Responding

Events A firefly starts its life in an egg. What happens next? How does the firefly grow up? Make a chart.



Talk About It Text to Self Did you ever see a firefly? Where did you see the firefly? What time of day did you see it?



Events Tell the order in which things happen.

TARGET STRATEGY Question

Ask questions about what you are reading.

GENRE Narrative Nonfiction gives facts about a topic.

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