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# A Firefly Glows!

A firefly is an amazing insect. It **glows** in the night sky. It can make its own light. People call it a **lightning** bug.

A firefly is not a fly. It is a **beetle**. It has a **flat** body and large eyes. Its back is usually dark. It has short antennae.

## Word Hunt

What is a firefly's other name?  
\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_ bug



## Read & Say!

- What does a firefly look like?
- How does a firefly glow?

A firefly has a large abdomen. There is a chemical in its abdomen. This chemical makes light. The light can be yellow, green, or orange.

Why does a firefly glow? It glows to **attract** a mate. Firefly larvae can also glow. They glow to **warn** other animals. "Don't eat me. I taste bad!"

Fireflies live near ponds and lakes. Keep your eyes open at night. You might see a firefly glow!

## You Know What?

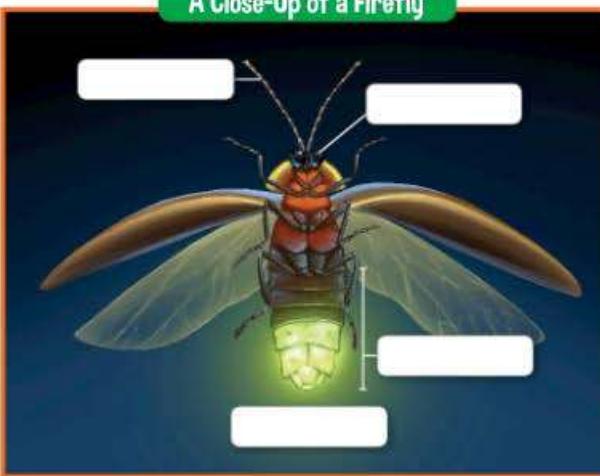


Firefly larvae are carnivores. They enjoy eating snails and worms.

## Word Study

Choose and write the correct words.  

### A Close-Up of a Firefly



#### Word Box

abdomen  
glow  
antenna  
eye

Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.  

1 The \_\_\_\_\_ flashes in the sky.  
( light bulb | lightning )



2 Naan is a \_\_\_\_\_ Indian bread.  
( flat | thick )



3 A woman \_\_\_\_\_ me to be quiet.  
( warns | closes )



4 The flower's sweet smell \_\_\_\_\_ a butterfly.  
( attacks | attracts )



## Comprehension

Read and choose the correct answers.  

- 1 What does a firefly **not** have?  
a. a flat body      b. a tiny abdomen      c. short antennae
- 2 Why does a firefly glow?  
a. to attract a mate      b. to find a home      c. to eat other animals
- 3 Which is **not** correct about fireflies?  
a. Their antennae make a chemical.  
b. Their larvae can also glow.  
c. Their light can be yellow, green, or orange.

### WRITE IT! Complete the answer.

What kind of insect is a firefly?

It is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Sum It Up! Complete the chart.

#### What It Looks Like

It has a \_\_\_\_\_, large eyes, and short antennae.

#### How It Glows

There is a chemical \_\_\_\_\_. This chemical makes light.

#### Why It Glows

It glows to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Where It Lives

It lives near \_\_\_\_\_.



attract a mate      in its abdomen      ponds and lakes      flat body