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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?

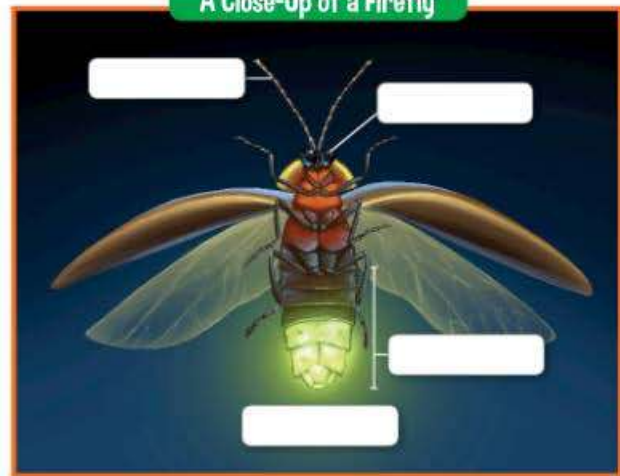


Firefly larvae are carnivores. They enjoy eating snails and worms.

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. ✓ ↺

- What does a firefly **not** have?
a. a flat body b. a tiny abdomen c. short antennae
- Why does a firefly glow?
a. to attract a mate b. to find a home c. to eat other animals
- 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	How It Glows
It has a _____, large eyes, and short antennae.	There is a chemical _____. This chemical makes light.
Why It Glows	Where It Lives
It glows to _____. _____.	It lives near _____. _____.



attract a mate in its abdomen ponds and lakes flat body