

Creepy Crawlies in the Garden

10 At the bottom of the garden, where the garden leaves
12 now rest,
22 you may find a creepy crawly or a small, old,
24 empty nest.
33 Looking under leaves and twigs, you're not sure what
35 you'll find:
45 a little creepy crawly or an insect of some kind.
54 There's a family of ladybirds, all snuggled close together;
64 hidden safe beneath the leaves and dry in any weather.
73 Look! A stripy bumblebee just flying to a flower.
86 For a tiny insect like a bee, it must look like a tower!
94 Scurrying across a leaf, the beetle dashes fast:
103 his legs are clinging tightly as the strong wind
105 rushes past.
115 The old and wrinkled earthworm likes to hide deep in
117 the ground;
127 digging deep and digging fast, just waiting to be found.



Quick Questions



1. Who can be found snuggled close together?



2. Which words does the poet use to describe the earthworm? Tick **two**.

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old

wrinkled

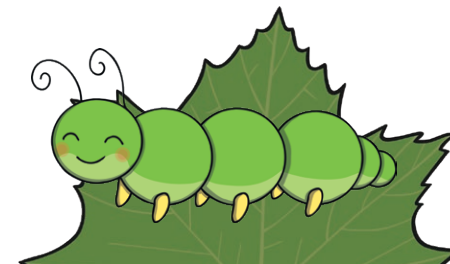
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4. What else might you see at the bottom of the garden and what might they be doing?



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Answers



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A family of ladybirds.



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3. Why might the beetle be **scurrying** across the leaf?

Accept answers which discuss that the beetle might be trying to move to a new, safe location before he is hurt by another creature or blown away by the wind.



4. What else might you see at the bottom of the garden and what might they be doing?

Accept any answers which predicts another type of minibeast will be seen in the garden undertaking a typical activity, such as: I think I might see a slug munching on a leaf.

