

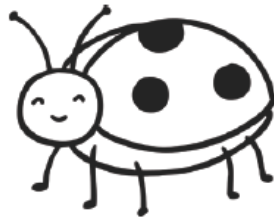
# Reading Assessment

## Year 2

### Part 1

#### Ladybirds

Ladybirds are insects that belong to the beetles family, which love to live in gardens, parks, woods and fields where there is longer grass or crops.



1. Which word in the text describes the name of the family that lady birds belong to? Circle the correct word. (LO:14)

spiders

butterflies

beetles

worms

2. Read the following sentences and tick the sentence that makes complete sense. (LO:18)

There are over 46 different types living in United Kingdom because not all of them are bright and spotty.

There are over 46 different types of ladybirds living in the United Kingdom and not all of them are bright and spotty.

Ladybirds are known as a gardener's best friend because they love to eat insects called aphids (greenflies) or scale insects. Both the aphids and scale insects eat plants in gardens and this is why so many people love to see ladybirds. The seven-spot ladybird can eat 5000 aphids during its lifespan!



3. Why are ladybirds known as 'a gardener's best friend'? (LO:20)

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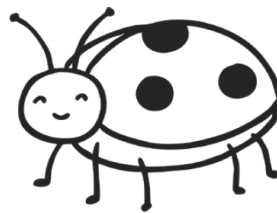
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If they feel threatened, ladybirds will bleed from their knees as a warning to predators. The yellow blood is called “reflex blood.” It has a strong, horrible smell and taste. Ladybirds also stay safe by having bright colours which warn potential enemies that ladybirds are not at all tasty.



4. Write the meaning of the word ‘threatened’. (LO:14)

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5. Write **two** things ladybirds do to protect themselves. (LO:19)

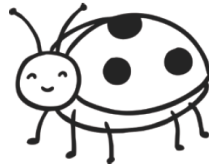
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According to an old legend from about 500 years ago, in some parts of the world aphids were sucking the juices from farmers' grape vines. The Catholic farmers prayed to Mary, Jesus's mother, for help. Soon the ladybirds came and ate the aphids. The farmers thought their prayers had been answered so they named the helpful beetles after Mary, who is also known as 'Our Lady'. The second part of their name - bird - was given because they can fly like a bird, so they ended up with the name ladybird!



6. Why were ladybirds given the second part of their name –'bird'? (LO:17)

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7. What type of text is 'Ladybirds'? Circle the correct text type. (LO:9)

fiction

non-fiction

8. Write one reason to explain how you know 'Ladybirds' is this text type. (LO:9)

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End of questions about 'Ladybirds'

## Part 2

### The Tale of Tom Kitten

Once upon a time there were three little kittens, and their names were Mittens, Tom Kitten, and Moppet. They had little fur coats of their own; and they tumbled about the doorstep and played in the dust.

But one day their mother, Mrs Tabitha Twitchit, expected friends to tea; so she fetched the kittens indoors, to wash and dress them.



1. Why did Mrs Tabitha Twitchit fetch the kittens indoors to wash and dress them? Tick the correct one. (LO:17)

So they would be clean and tidy for when her friends came to tea.

It was bedtime for the kittens.

They didn't like getting dirty.

2. 'So she fetched the kittens indoors, to wash and dress them.'

What does the word 'fetched' mean? Circle the correct word. (LO:14)

collected  
searched

sent  
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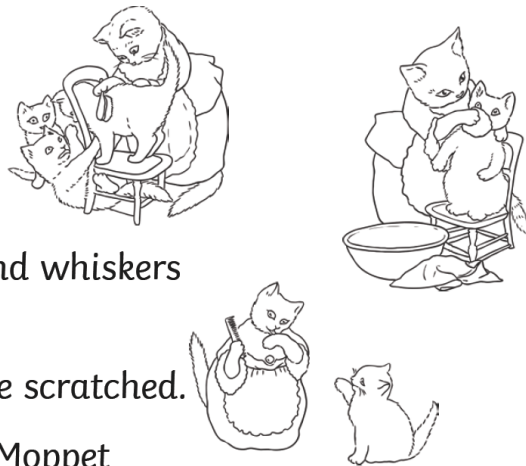
First she scrubbed their faces  
(this one is Moppet).

Then she brushed their fur  
(this one is Mittens).

Then she combed their tails and whiskers  
(this is Tom Kitten).

Tom was very naughty, and he scratched.

Mrs Tabitha Twitchet dressed Moppet  
and Mittens in pinafores and then she took all sorts of elegant  
uncomfortable clothes out of a chest of drawers, in order to dress  
up her son Thomas. Tom Kitten was very fat, and he had grown;  
several buttons burst off. His mother sewed them on again.



3. Read the text above and sequence the events in order. Write 1 – 6 in the boxes to show the correct order. (1 being the first event and 6 being the last event) (LO:10)

- ☐ Then she brushed their fur (this one is Mittens).
- ☐ First she scrubbed their faces (this one is Moppet).
- ☐ Tom was very naughty, and he scratched.
- ☐ Then she combined their tails and whiskers (this is Tom Kitten).
- ☐ Tom kitten was very fat and several buttons burst off.
- ☐ Mrs Tabitha Twitchet dress Moppet and Mittens in pinafores.

When the three kittens were ready, Mrs Tabitha unwisely turned them out into the garden, to be out of the way while she made hot buttered toast.

“Now keep your frocks clean, children! You must walk on your hind legs. Keep away from the dirty ash-pit, and from Sally Henny Penny, and from the pigsty and the Puddle-ducks.”



4. Pick out your favourite words or phrases from the text above and explain why you like it.

(LO:15)

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5. Based on what you have read so far, predict what you think will happen in the story next.

(LO:21)

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6. What type of text is ‘The Tale of Tom Kitten’? Circle the correct text type. (LO:9)

fiction

non-fiction

7. Write one reason to explain how you know ‘The Tale of Tom Kitten’ is this text type.

(LO:9)

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