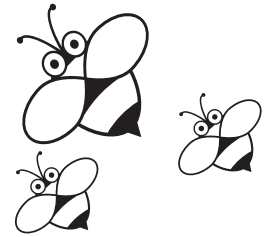


Flying Critters



This week, your child will learn about insects that fly including bees, mosquitoes, ladybugs, and butterflies.

Combinations that Make Five

Show your child a penny and point out that one side has a face on it (heads) and one side doesn't (tails). Place five pennies in a small cup. Have your child shake the cup and spill the pennies onto a tray or flat surface. Count the number of "heads" and "tails." Remind your child that the two groups form a group of five pennies. For example: *3 heads plus 2 tails equals 5.*

Word of the Week

proboscis

A proboscis is a long thin tube that is part of the mouth of some insects.

Use the Word of the Week at home.

You might say:

When you use a straw to drink your milkshake, it is like using a proboscis.

Ladybug, Ladybug

Ladybugs hang around gardens. Take your child outdoors to search for ladybugs, but be sure you leave ladybugs where you find them. They help take care of the garden.

More Words to Know

column
combination
equals
honey
lightweight
plus
wings

The Way Insects Move

Make a three-column chart. Label the columns: crawl, jump, fly. Point to each label and have your child show the move. Then see how many insects the two of you can add to the chart. *Where would you draw a bee, a roly-poly, a grasshopper? Could some insects go in more than one column?*

crawl	jump	fly

Fly to the Finish Line

Play a version of the game Red Light, Green Light. Designate a start line where your child will begin crawling on the ground when you say "red light." When you say "green light," your child will jump up and "fly" toward the finish line. Say "red light" and "green light" to change your child's movements. When your child crosses the finish line, the round is over.

Coming Next Week: We will learn about spiders, scorpions, and worms.