



# WHO am I?



Explore *Heads and Tails: Insects* by John Canty, then answer the clues below to complete your crossword.



## ACROSS



## DOWN



- 1 I can hop great distances with my large back legs
- 2 Sometimes I look like I'm praying
- 3 I'm particularly annoying on hot summer days
- 4 I wrap myself in a cocoon when it is time to grow up
- 5 I'm small and red with spots
- 6 I am the guest you don't want at your picnic
- 7 I like to suck blood
- 8 I love beautiful bright flowers
- 9 My natural camouflage allows me to hide in plants and trees
- 10 My name sounds fierce, but I'm harmless
- 11 Some people are allergic to my sting
- 12 I have a hard shell and come in thousands of different shapes, colours and sizes





# Here Comes Stinkbug!

Read *Here Comes Stinkbug*  
by Tohby Riddle.

Now create your own acrostic poem  
about Stinkbug and his journey.

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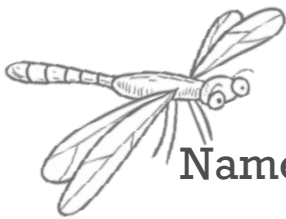
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How much do you know about bugs? Draw lines that connect each  
bug to the tools they use for self defence and navigation.

Name

Protection

Direction

Leopard Slug

Colour signals  
that she tastes bad

Sight

Ant

Venom, webs and camouflage

Use the sun as  
a reference point

Ladybug

Hides

Gravity

Spider

Gives off  
scent as an SOS

Smells given off by plants  
help direct them

Bumblebee

Smell

Slime

Worm

Stinging

Use smells given off by  
plants to find prey

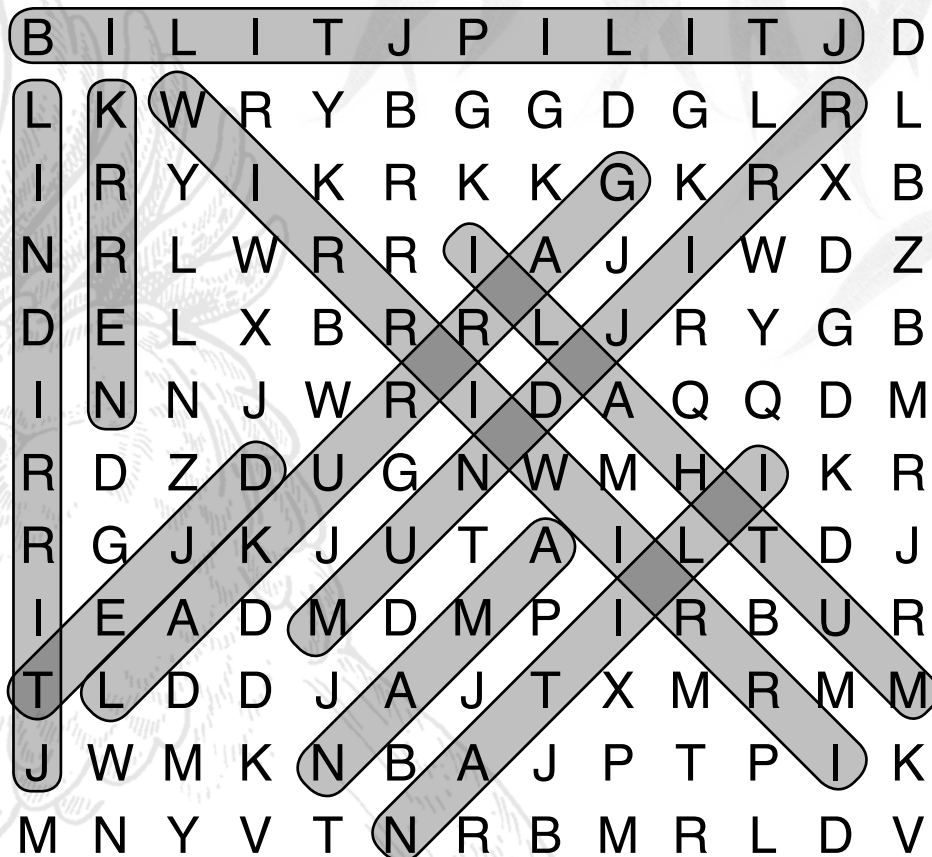
Stinkbug

Slime

Scent trail



# OUR BIRDS WORD SEARCH



Find and circle the Indigenous bird names in the word search puzzle.  
Then refer to *Our Birds* by Siena Stubbs to match them to their English names.

## WORD LIST

INDIGENOUS NAME	ENGLISH NAME	INDIGENOUS NAME	ENGLISH NAME
Mundjirr	Honey Easter	Djet	Osprey
Garrukal	Kookaburra	Lindirritj	Ranbow Lorikeet
Natili	Black Cockatoo	Bilitjpilitj	Red Winged Parrot
Wirriwirri	Rainbow Bee Easter	Nerrk	Sulphur Crested Cockatoo
Nama	Jabiru	Muthali	Pacific Clack Duck

# TWO WORLDS

*His Name Was Walter* by Emily Rodda includes many different metaphors.

There are places, people, objects and events in Long Rest that represent something real in Grolsten. Record the meanings in the table below and add two other examples from the story.

Fictional element	What does it represent?
Beehive	The 'buzzing around' of the Matrons
Rabbit warren	The lack of privacy in the tightly packed hostel
Mice in the Counting House	Timid nature of the accountants
Plague	The flu soldiers brought back after WWI (Spanish flu)
Spectres	Homeless people during the Great Depression
Witches' tears	The soul/special insight an artist puts into their work
Sparrow's feathers	Sparrow's birthmarks

*His Name Was Walter* is set in both the 'real world' town of Grolsten and the fictional land of Long Rest. In the boxes below compare and contrast each setting.

## GROLSTEN

People/Beings

Places

Lifestyle

## LONG REST

People/Beings

Places

Lifestyle

# Find the Peacocks

The Peacocks have disappeared again! Help find them by answering the questions below. You'll need to read *The Peacock Detectives* by Carly Nugent!

The first letter from each clue will solve the mystery.



## Questions

1. What is Rhea's last name?
2. What literary device, mentioned in the book, is used to distract readers from the truth?
3. The story begins in what season?
4. Cassie gives her notebook a title:  
A Notebook for .....?
5. What mental illness does Cassie believe her dad is suffering from?
6. What has Cassie been trying to find?
7. What is Cassie's last name?
8. What animal is Cassie scared of?
9. What book does Cassie keep referring to throughout the novel?
10. What side of town is across the river?
11. What does Cassie have to wear to school everyday?
12. What does Jonas leave for Cassie to find?
13. Jonas complains to Cassie about his family holiday. Where did he go?

## Clues

G R I M M

R E D H E R R I N G

A U T U M N

N O T I C I N G

D E P R E S S I O N

P E A C O C K S

A N D E R S O N

S N A K E S

H U C K L E B E R R Y F I N N

O T H E R

U N I F O R M

S P E C I A L S T O N E

E U R O P E

*Location:*

G R A N D P A ' S

H O U S E