

Tiny Animals Can Be Helpers

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Many kinds of little bugs live in our world. Some tiny animals, such as ticks, can harm people. A tick bite can make people sick.

Other tiny animals can help people.

Ladybugs are helpers. People plant gardens. Some insects eat plants that people want to grow. Ladybugs eat bugs that harm plants. Ladybugs help people grow healthy plants.

Bumblebees are helpers. Bumblebees fly to flowers to get food. Yellow dust called pollen is on the flowers. This dust gets onto the bees. Bees carry the dust to other plants. The pollen helps new flowers grow.

Thank you, tiny helpers!

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

For questions 1–4, please circle the correct answer.

1. What tiny animal mentioned in this text can make people sick?

- A) a bumblebee
- B) a ladybug
- C) a tick

2. The text describes how some tiny animals can help people. What are the two tiny animal helpers described in this text?

- A) ticks and mosquitoes
- B) flies and spiders
- C) ladybugs and bumblebees

3. Ladybugs eat bugs that harm plants. What does this tell us about how ladybugs help plants grow?

- A) Ladybugs help plants grow by feeding them food.
- B) Ladybugs help plants grow by protecting them from harm.
- C) Ladybugs help plants grow by watering them when plants are thirsty.

4. What is “Tiny Animals Can Be Helpers” mostly about?

- A) how ladybugs and bumblebees help people
- B) how ticks hurt people
- C) how pollen is carried from flower to flower

5. What do we call the dust that bumblebees carry on their bodies as they fly from flower to flower?

The dust bumblebees carry on their bodies as they fly from flower to flower is called

6. Draw a picture that shows bumblebees carrying pollen from plant to plant.



8. Class Discussion Question: Use information from the text to discuss why you should not hurt a ladybug or bumblebee if you see them in your yard.