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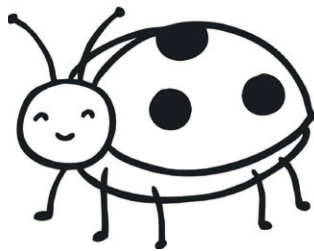
# Reading Assessment Reading Prompt Booklet

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Questions 1 to 5 are about '*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.

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



1. Which word in the text describes the name of the family that ladybirds belong to? Tick **one** box.

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2. How many different types of ladybirds live in the UK? Tick **one** box.

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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’?

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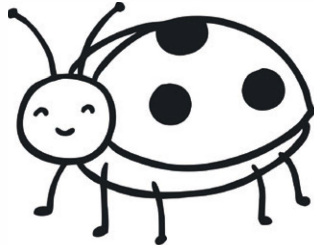
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If they feel threatened, ladybirds will bleed from their knees as a warning to predators. The yellow blood is called “reflex blood.” It has a strong, horrible smell and taste. Ladybirds also stay safe by having bright colours which warn potential enemies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



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4. Give **two** things ladybirds do to protect themselves.

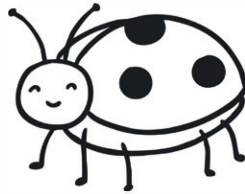
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According to an old legend from about 500 years ago, in some parts of the world aphids were sucking the juices from farmers' grape vines. The Catholic farmers prayed to Mary, Jesus's mother, for help. Soon the ladybirds came and ate the aphids. The 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!



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5. Why were ladybirds given the second part of their name - 'bird'?

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**End of questions about 'Ladybirds'**

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Questions 6 to 20 are about '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.



6. Why did Mrs Tabitha Twitchit fetch the kittens indoors to wash and dress them? Tick **one** box.

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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.

7. 'So she fetched the kittens indoors, to wash and dress them.'  
What does the word **fetch** mean? Tick **one** box.

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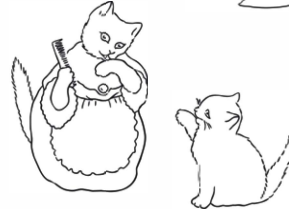
First she scrubbed their faces  
(this one is Moppet).



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.

8. What type of clothes did Mrs Tabitha take out of the chest for Tom to wear? Tick **one** box.

elegant and uncomfortable

big and baggy

brightly coloured

long and tight

9. Why did several buttons burst off Tom's clothes?

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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.”



10. Find and copy one word which tells you that it was not a good idea for Mrs Tabitha to let the kittens play outside.

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11. What did Mrs Tabitha tell the kittens about how to keep clean? Write your answer below.

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Moppet and Mittens walked down the garden path unsteadily. Presently they trod upon their pinafores and fell on their noses. When they stood up there were several green smears!

“Let’s climb up the rockery and sit on the garden wall,” said Moppet.

They turned their pinafores back to front and went up with a skip and a jump. Tom Kitten was quite unable to jump when walking upon his hind legs in trousers. He came up the rockery, breaking the ferns and shedding buttons right and left.



He was all in pieces when he reached the top of the wall. Moppet and Mittens tried to pull him together; his hat fell off, and the rest of his buttons burst.



12. What happened to Tom’s hat?

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13. Why were Moppet, Mittens and Tom climbing up the rockery?

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While they were in difficulties, there was a pit pat, paddle pat! and the three Puddle-ducks came along the hard high road, marching one behind the other and doing the goose step - pit pat, paddle pat! pit pat, waddle pat! They stopped and stood in a row and stared up at the kittens.



They had very small eyes and looked surprised. Then the two duck-birds, Rebecca and Jemima Puddle-duck, picked up the hat and put it on. Mittens laughed so that she fell off the wall. Moppet and Tom followed after her; the pinafores and all the rest of Tom's clothes came off on the way down.

"Come! Mr Drake Puddle-duck," said Moppet. "Come and help us to dress him! Come and button up Tom!"

Mr Drake Puddle-duck advanced in slowly and picked up the clothing. But he put them on HIMSELF! They fitted him even worse than Tom Kitten.

"It's a very fine morning!" said Mr Drake Puddle-duck.

And he and Jemima and Rebecca Puddle-duck set off up the road, keeping step - pit pat, paddle pat! pit pat, waddle pat!



14. How do you know the Puddle-ducks walked in a line?

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15. How did the Puddle-ducks feel when they stared at the kittens? Tick **one** box.

upset

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angry

bored

16. How were the Puddle-ducks not helpful to Tom?

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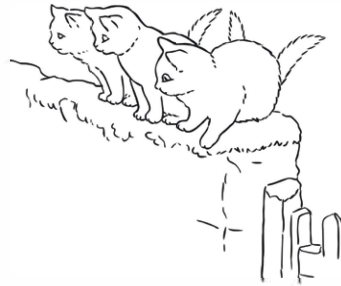
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Then Tabitha Twitchit came down the garden and found her kittens on the wall with no clothes on. She pulled them off the wall, told them off and took them back to the house.

“My friends will arrive in a minute, and you are not fit to be seen; I am very cross,” said Mrs Tabitha Twitchit.



17. Mrs Tabitha Twitchit was unhappy with the kittens because... Tick **one** box.

They were clean and fresh.

She didn't want her friends to see them with no clothes on.

She didn't want them to sit on the wall.

She didn't want them to have tea.



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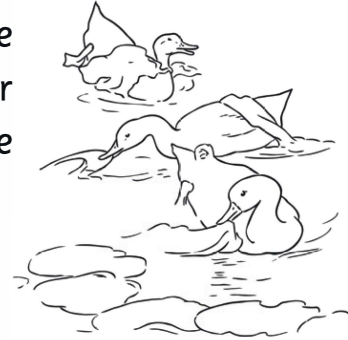
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She sent them upstairs; and I am sorry to say she told her friends that they were in bed with the measles - which was not true. They were not in bed: NOT in the least. Somehow there were very extraordinary noises upstairs, which disturbed the tea party.

And I think that some day I shall have to make another, larger book, to tell you more about Tom Kitten!

As for the Puddle-ducks - they went into a pond. The clothes all came off, because there were no buttons. Mr Drake Puddle-duck, and Jemima and Rebecca, have been looking for them ever since.



**18.** Mrs Tabitha Twitchit told her friends that the kittens and Tim were in bed with the measles. Was this true?

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**19.** What happened to the Puddle-ducks' clothes when they went in the pond?

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20. Number the sentences below from 1 to 4 to show the order they happen in the story.  
The first one has been done for you.

Mr Puddle-duck and Jemima stole Tom's and the kittens' clothes.

The children played outside, they fell over and got their clothes dirty.

Mrs Tabitha Twitchit was very cross and sent the children upstairs.

Mrs Tabitha Twitchit washed and dressed the children ready for her friends coming for tea.

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End of questions about '*The Tale of Tom Kitten*'

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