Ladybird, Ladybird, Fly Away Home

Review 16

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Read the story “Ladybird, Ladybird, Fly Away Home.” Then answer Numbers 1 through 8.

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Timmy lay on the porch swing. He rocked slowly back and forth. He liked to come to Grandma’s house during summer vacation. He liked her big front porch and the soft porch swing. Most of the time he liked to swing and think. Timmy thought about how nice it was to have a break.

But today Timmy was bored. He had read all his library books. Grandma was busy in the garden. Karen and Kathy, the twins next door, both had the chicken pox. Grandma would not let him go over to play with the girls. He was bored all right!

Timmy brushed away a fly. It had just landed on his nose. Flies are such pests, he thought. Flies and mosquitoes and ants. Why did there have to be insects, anyway?

He felt something on his hand. He looked down. There was a fly crawling up his arm right now! But wait! He looked again. It wasn’t a fly! It was a little, round, red bug. Its body was about the size of a pea. It had black spots all over it. It almost looked like it had chicken pox. Timmy giggled. Maybe it had gotten too close to Kathy and Karen!

Timmy wanted to go ask Grandma what kind of bug it was. Very carefully, he got up from the swing. Very carefully, he walked down the porch steps and around back to the garden. The little bug was still on his arm when he found his grandmother.

“Grandma, do you know what this funny little bug is?” Timmy asked. He held out his arm so that she could see it.

“Why yes, Timmy, that is a ladybird,” answered Grandma. “Some people call it a ladybug or a lady beetle. It is a very helpful insect to have around.”

“You mean it’s not a pest, like flies and mosquitoes and ants?” Timmy asked.
"No, it’s not a pest," Grandma said. "The ladybird is a garden helper. It eats another insect called an aphid. Aphids hurt plants and trees. I like to see ladybirds in my garden!"

"Well, then, that’s where it is going to go," said Timmy. He walked into the garden. He carefully brushed the ladybird off his arm. It flew right over to a tomato plant and landed on one of its leaves.

"There, little ladybird," Timmy said. "See if you can find an aphid or two for your supper." Then he turned to Grandma and said, "I thought all insects were pests. But I guess I was wrong!"
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1. What is the MAIN reason Timmy is bored at the beginning of the story?
   
   a. He has the chicken pox.
   b. He has nobody to play with.
   c. He wants to work in the garden.
   d. He wants summer vacation to end.

2. Read these sentences from the story.

   *There was a fly crawling up his arm right now! But wait! He looked again. It wasn’t a fly!*

   The author says, “But wait!” to show that

   a. Timmy was scared.
   b. Timmy was bothered.
   c. Timmy heard something.
   d. Timmy noticed something.

3. Why does Timmy think that the ladybird looks almost like it has chicken pox?

   a. It has a little round red body.
   b. He sees that it has many spots.
   c. It feels like a little bump on his arm.
   d. He knows it has been near the twins.

4. Why does Timmy walk very carefully when he carries the ladybird?

   a. He is afraid of the ladybird.
   b. He thinks he might hurt the ladybird.
   c. He wants the ladybird to stay on his arm.
   d. He is unsure about where to take the ladybird.
5. **What is the MAIN reason Grandma likes to have ladybirds in her garden?**

   a. They eat harmful insects.
   b. They are pretty to look at.
   c. They are friendly to people.
   d. They scare away other insects.

6. **Which of these people would a ladybird help the MOST?**

   a. a scientist
   b. a teacher
   c. a farmer
   d. a doctor

7. **What is the MOST important lesson Timmy learns in the story?**

   a. Being bored is no fun.
   b. Some insects are helpful.
   c. Ladybirds are small bugs.
   d. Grandma is a wise person.

8. **Which sentence BEST shows how Timmy’s feelings about insects have changed?**

   a. He takes the ladybird to Grandma.
   b. He brushes the ladybird off his arm.
   c. He makes a joke about the ladybird.
   d. He leaves the ladybird in the garden.
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9. Which of the following words has the same long vowel sound as in leaves?
   a. shelves
   b. me
   c. lavish
   d. ate

10. Write the base word in the following words:
    intensive, intensively, intensiveness

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11. In this selection, you can tell Grandma –

   a. enjoys teaching
   b. knows all about insects
   c. works in her garden
   d. works in an office
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ANSWERS

1. B
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. D
7. B
8. D
9. B
10. intense
11. C
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MAIN IDEA

DRAWING CONCLUSION
  Inference

STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS
  Applying Phonics