

# Bugsicles

As winter gets colder, you put on a warm coat. You turn on the heat in 16  
 your house and eat lots of soup. But what do bugs do in winter? They 31  
 don't have any mittens or hats to wear. What do they do to stay alive? 46  
 Well, different bugs do different things. They might move to warmer 57  
 places. Some butterflies go thousands of miles to spend the winter in 69  
 Mexico. If bugs don't travel, they must have another way to escape the 82  
 cold. Bees huddle close together. Their body heat keeps everybody 92  
 warm. Ants dig deep into the ground. They go far down so the cold can't 107  
 freeze them or the food they have stored. Some bugs hibernate. 118  
 Ladybugs find a sheltered place to sleep for winter. They gather under 130  
 leaves or rocks or in the cracks of a house. Like bees, ladybugs settle in 145  
 large groups to help keep warm. Bugs like grasshoppers don't live through 157  
 winter at all. In the fall they lay their eggs in the dirt. When cold 172  
 weather comes, the adult grasshopper dies. The eggs stay safe in the 184  
 ground. Once spring returns and the weather grows warm, the eggs hatch 196  
 and the baby grasshoppers begin their lives. 203

	<b>day 1</b>	<b>day 2</b>	<b>day 3</b>	<b>day 4</b>
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

## Parent Tips

Fluency develops gradually over considerable time and through substantial practice...Even when students recognize many words automatically, their oral reading still may be expressionless, not fluent. To read with expression, readers must be able to divide the text into meaningful chunks. These chunks include phrases and clauses. Readers must know to pause appropriately within and at the ends of sentences and when to change emphasis and tone.

1. Bees survive winter by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - o laying eggs in the dirt
  - o huddling close together
  - o hiding in the cracks of houses
2. Ants survive winter by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - o digging deep in the earth
  - o traveling someplace warm
  - o hibernating under rocks
3. What is the main idea of this passage?
  - o People wear hats and coats when it's winter.
  - o Butterflies fly to Mexico when the weather is cold.
  - o Bugs must find a way to stay warm during the winter.
4. What are two ways that bugs stay warm in winter?



A cluster of ladybugs trying to stay warm in the cold weather.