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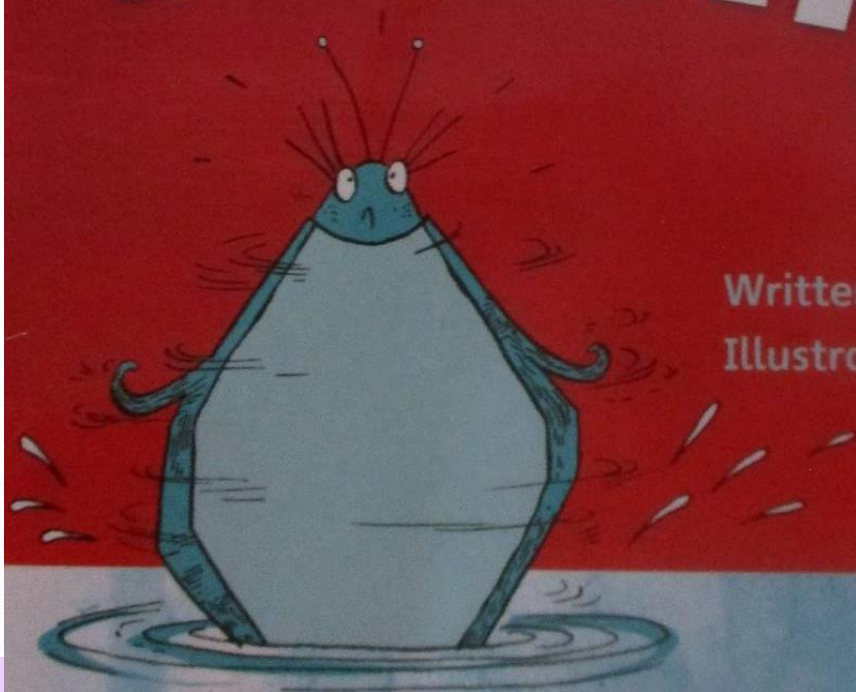
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There were three whirligig bugs on top of a pond.

The first bug was hungry. So was the second bug. But the third bug was afraid.

It is a bit early to search for food.  
There may be birds. They will eat us.



Do not be silly!  
There are no birds.

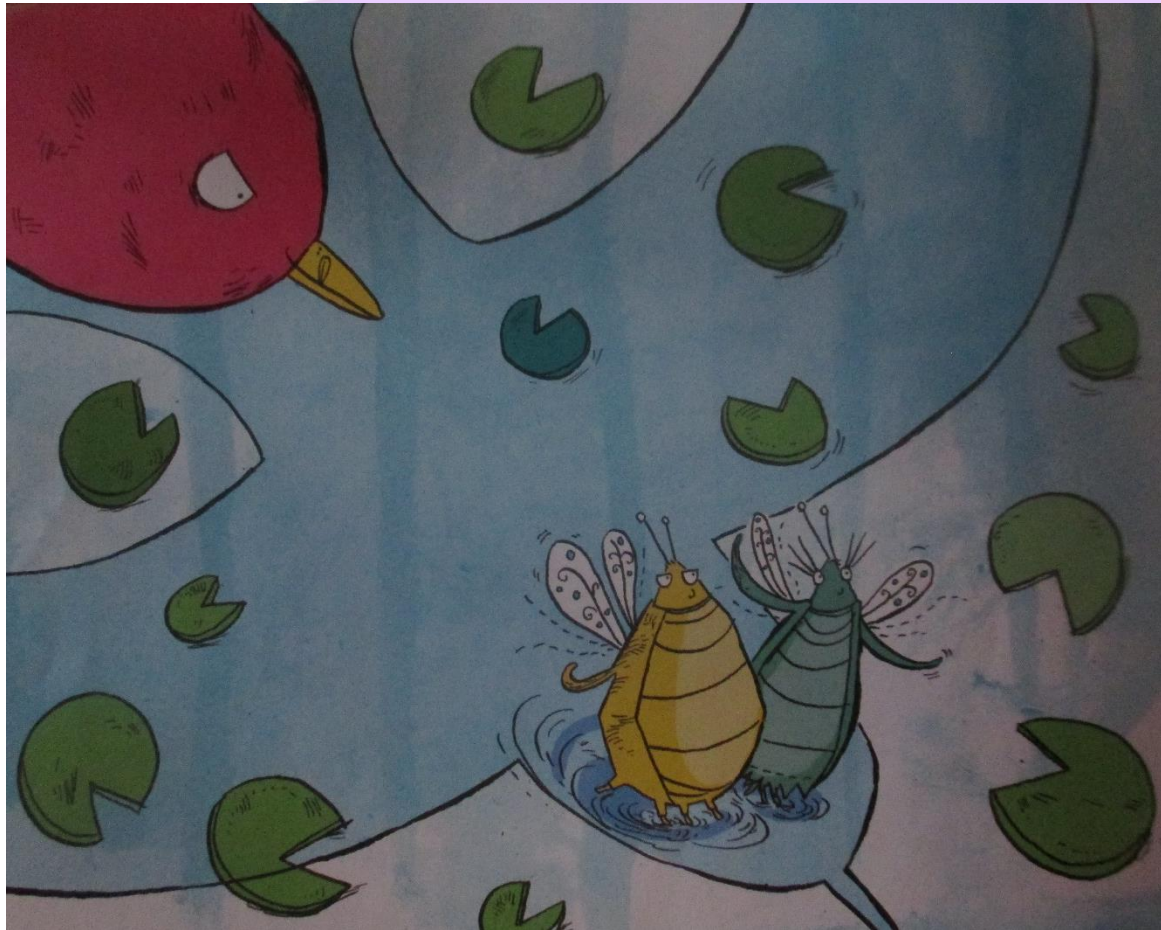




The first whirligig began to glide across the pond to search for food. The next bug went after him.



**They did not see the shadow on the pond. It was a bird.....a big, hungry bird!**

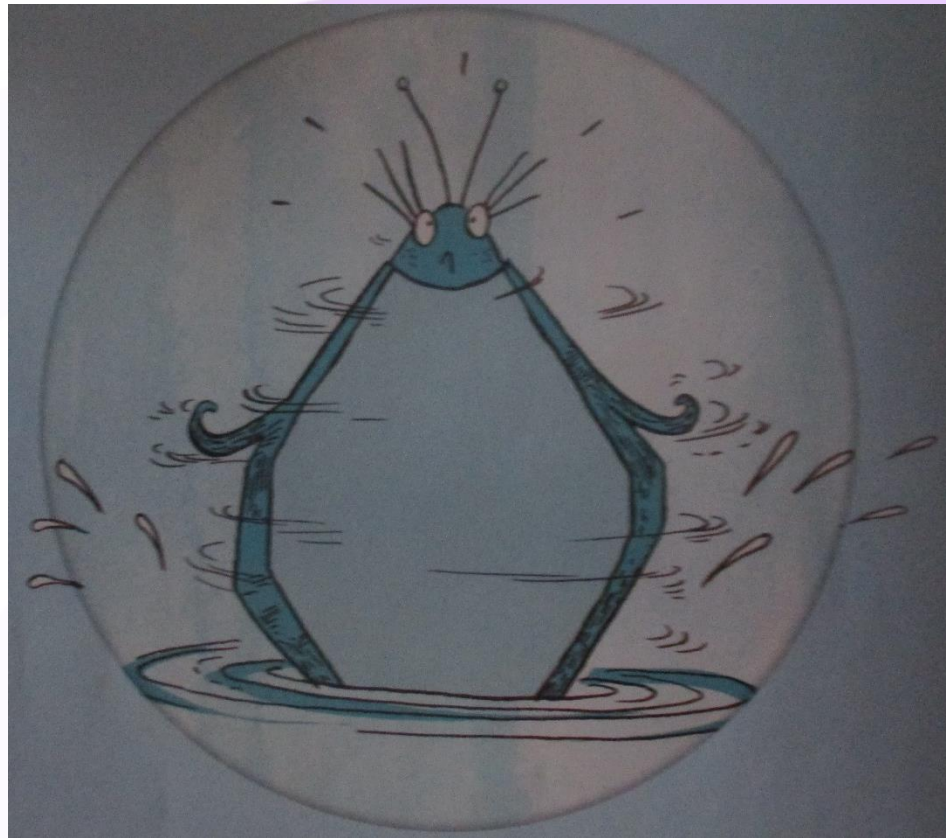


The bird saw the whirligigs on top of the pond and said “YUM!”

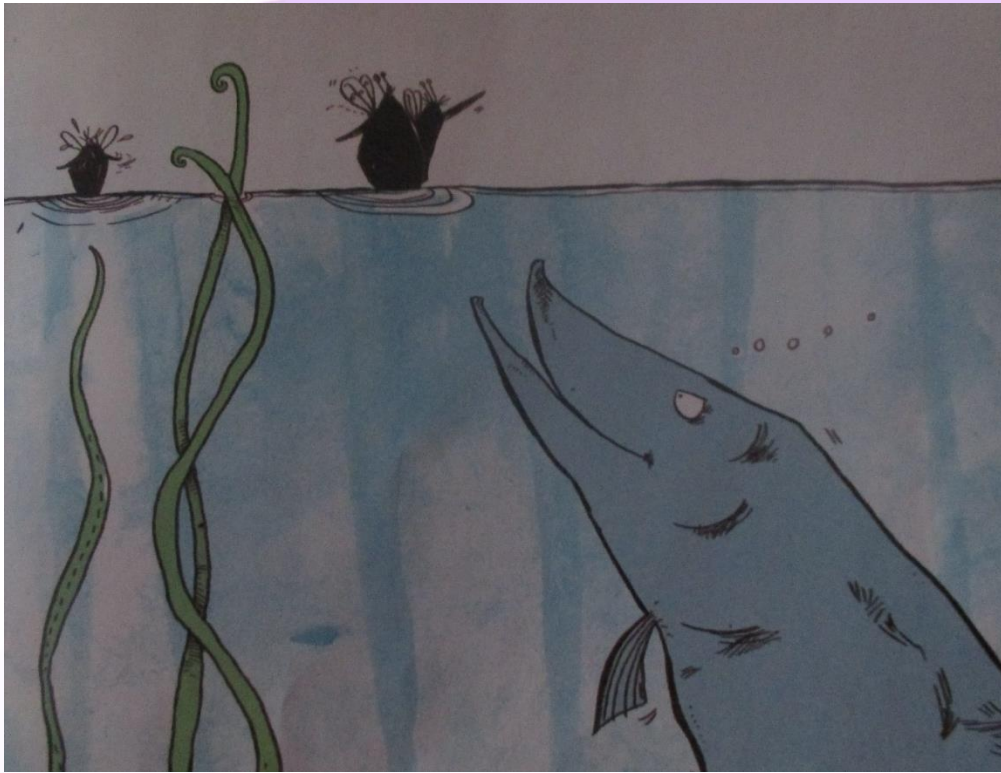




The first and second whirligigs did not see the bird. Only the third whirligig saw it.



**“Oh no!” the third whirligig said to herself. She began to whirl and whirl on top of the water.**



Under the water a fish saw all the whirling..... a big, **HUNGRY** fish! It swam to the top of the pond.



The bird flew down.  
It was near the water.....





The fish swam up.  
It was near the top of the pond.....





**BOOM!**

**The fish hit the bird and the bird hit the fish.**



The bird flew off.  
The fish swam back to the dark waters.



The first whirligig was happy.  
So was the second whirligig.  
“Thanks!” they said to the third  
whirligig.



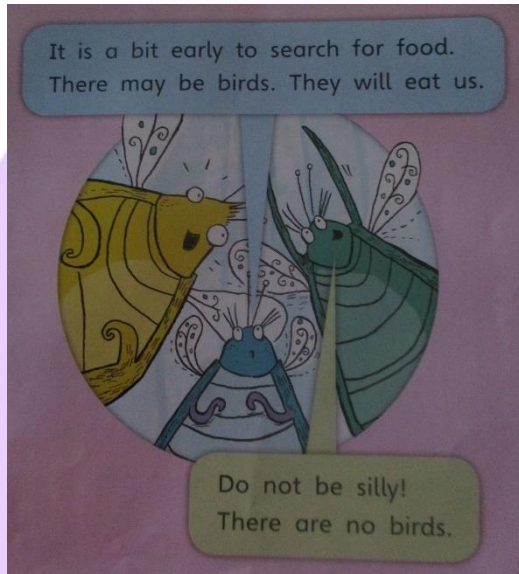


Then they began to glide off.  
“What are you doing?” asked the third whirligig.  
“Searching for food!” they told her.



**“There must be thirty birds in the sky,”  
said the third whirligig.  
“Some bugs never learn.”**

Use the text to help you answer these questions. Remember to be a Rocket Retriever or a Crimson Clue Hunter.



Read this page and answer these questions.

1. Select the word which best describes how the blue whirligig is feeling.

happy

angry

afraid

2. Which phrase tells the reader that she is feeling like that?

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3. What do you think the bird wanted to do to the whirligigs?

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4. Which word in the text makes you think that?

4. Which two animals did Bullfrog meet in the story?

----- and -----

5. Bullfrog met more than one newt. What is the plural of newt?

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6. Why do the newts plead with Bullfrog to stop puffing himself up? What might they be worried about?

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7. How does the story end?