



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Stink Bugs and Other True Bugs

Does a stink bug really stink? How did bed bugs get their name? Do toad bugs hop? Read *Stink Bugs and Other True Bugs* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- Most stink bugs are from ...
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long
 - $\frac{5}{8}$ to 1 inch long
 - 1 to 2 inches long
 - 2 to 3 inches long
- Harlequin bugs like to “hang out” on the leaves of ...
 - Fir trees
 - Oak trees
 - Cabbage
 - Maple trees
- The type of bug that shoots poison into the bodies of its victims is a ...
 - Ambush bug
 - Stink bug
 - Bed bug
 - Assassin bug
- One predator of the backswimmer is a ...
 - Snake
 - Fish
 - Toad
 - Mouse
- What is a *predator*?
- What is *prey*?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. True bugs have six legs. | _____ 4. Bed bugs love to suck the fluids of corn plants. |
| _____ 2. All stink bugs suck the juices of plants. | _____ 5. A female lace bug can lay 100 or more eggs on a single leaf. |
| _____ 3. When in danger, a stink bug releases a smelly liquid from its thorax. | _____ 6. Many mirid bugs try to mimic other insects. |

ANSWERS

- 1. a. $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long.** According to section "Why Are Some Stink Bugs Called Shield Bugs?" on page 14, we know that "Most stink bugs are $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (6 to 19 millimeters long)." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. Cabbage.** According to section "What Does a Harlequin Bug Look Like?" on page 28, we know that "Harlequin bugs often 'hang out' on the leaves of their favorite crop: cabbage." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. d. Assassin bug.** According to section "How Do Assassin Bugs Kill?" on page 38, we know that "Like many other predatory true bugs, assassin bugs shoot poison into the bodies of their victims." So, the correct answer is D.
- 4. b. Fish.** According to section "Which True Bug Swims on Its Back?" on page 48, we know that "A backswimmer's predators include fish and birds." So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 63, a *predator* is "A hunting animal."
- 6.** According to page 63, *prey* is "Any animal that is hunted for food by another animal."

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Is a True Bug?" on page 6, we know that "Like other insects, true bugs have six legs." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "What Do Stink Bugs Feed On?" on page 18, we know that "Most kinds of stink bugs suck the juices of plants. Some kinds suck the body fluids of insects." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "How Do Stink Bugs Defend Themselves?" on page 24, we know that "When in danger, a stink bug releases a smelly liquid from its thorax." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "Which True Bugs Love Corn?" on page 34, we know that "Chinch bugs love to suck the fluids of corn plants." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "Which True Bugs Look Like Lace?" on page 44, we know that "The female may lay 100 or more eggs on a single leaf!" So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section "Which True Bugs Are Masters of Disguise?" on page 56, we know that "Many mirid bugs try to mimic (look like) other insects." So, the correct answer is True.