

# MARKING THE TEXT

Coding the text to monitor comprehension.

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Grades 2-3 or Grades 4-5

## MONITORING YOUR COMPREHENSION

**GVI**            **Got a visual image**

**RA**            **Read again**



**No Sweat**

**MBI**            **Must be important**

**HW**            **Hard Word**

**LAP**            **Look at picture**

**?**

**I'm confused**



**I GOT IT!**

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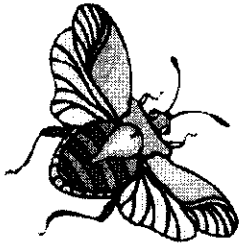
# Stink Blob to the Rescue

by Sandle Lee

Mom senses danger. It's a <sup>HW</sup> villainous wasp hovering just overhead. She quickly gathers her 24 nymphs under her triangular body.



The wasp approaches. GVI



Mom frantically waves her antennae. Not fazed, the wasp flies even closer. Mom turns her tough, shield-like back and quickly buzzes her wings. The wasp ignores her threat and lands just out of reach. Mom kicks out her middle and back legs in another attempt to scare it off. ☺



It works. But the determined wasp only takes to the air and darts back and forth.

One of the nymphs edges out to see what all the commotion is about. The wasp speeds towards it. Mom's ready and silently drops her most powerful secret weapon...the stink blob. The wasp catches a whiff of this noxious smell and zips away in the opposite direction. Lunch will have to wait. ?

Stink bugs range from 6 to 12 mm in size and come in various colors. Most are brown, grey and green. Some, like the harlequin stink bug, are black with bright yellow or orange markings. All stink bugs have a large LAP triangular structure on their backs. This raised covering points towards their hind end and is called the scutellum. As their name suggests, stink bugs also produce a chemical so noxious and foul that most insects and animals are repelled by it immediately. However, the stench-gob is used only as a last resort since it saps the bug of most of its energy.



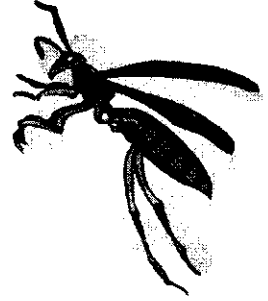
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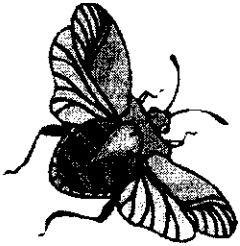
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