## Minibeasts



Minibeasts are animals with no backbones. They are all around us, such as spiders, beetles, snails, worms, butterflies and much more.





## In the Garden

A garden is a great place to find minibeasts. If you look closely around flowering plants you might see honeybees and bumblebees.

## **In Ponds and Rivers**

Some minibeasts, found near ponds or rivers, can be born in water and grow so they are able to fly and live on land. You might find dragonflies or even spiders living near ponds or rivers that grow into four-winged insects that live in tall trees near water.

> **Did You Know...?** A peacock butterfly has eye-shaped patterns on its wings to fool other animals who may want to eat it.

## Questions

- 1. What are minibeasts? Tick **one**.
  - ) animals that have hair or fur
  - ) animals with no backbones
  - 🔵 animals with no legs
- 2. Where can you find minibeasts? Tick **two**.
  - ) in the garden
  - ) inside the body
  - 🔵 in ponds and rivers
- 3. What minibeasts can you see near flowering plants? Tick **one**.
  - ) worms and beetles
  - honeybees and bumblebees
  - Spiders and dragonflies
- 4. Where can dragonflies live? Tick **one**.
  - ) underground
  - 🔵 in tall trees
  - 🔵 underwater
- 5. Which two minibeasts might you find near a pond or river? Tick **two**.
  - ) bumblebees
  - ) dragonflies
  - ) spiders