



Fireflies — Nature's Living Lights

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A firefly is a **small insect** that can make its own light. Many people call it a "lightning bug" because it glows like a tiny lamp. Fireflies live in warm, wet places all over the world, including green fields and forests in Taiwan.

Fireflies come out at **night**, when the sky is **dark**. During the day, they hide under leaves and grass to rest. But as soon as the sun goes down, hundreds of fireflies can light up a dark field like tiny floating stars.

The **light** comes from the end of a firefly's body, near its **tail**. Inside its body, a special part makes a soft glow that turns on and off. This is called the firefly's lantern, and each kind of firefly blinks in its own special pattern.

Fireflies can **fly** through the air on warm summer nights. Some children like to **catch** fireflies gently in their hands or in a glass jar, watch them glow, and then let them fly away again.

You might find fireflies in a **garden**, a park, or near a quiet river. Sadly, this amazing **bug** is disappearing in many places because of bright city lights and pollution. Every summer, people in Taiwan visit the mountains to watch these small lights fill the dark night sky.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. small ____ | a. the part at the back end of an animal's body |
| 2. insect ____ | b. a small insect |
| 3. night ____ | c. the time of day when it is dark outside |
| 4. dark ____ | d. to take hold of something, often after chasing it |
| 5. light ____ | e. a piece of land where people grow plants, flowers, or vegetables |
| 6. tail ____ | f. not large in size |
| 7. fly ____ | g. a small animal with six legs and no bones, like an ant or a bee |
| 8. catch ____ | h. having little or no light |
| 9. garden ____ | i. brightness that lets you see things; the opposite of dark |
| 10. bug ____ | j. to move through the air using wings |



B. True or False

1. A firefly is a large animal. ____
2. A firefly can make its own light. ____
3. Fireflies live only in cold places. ____
4. Fireflies come out at night. ____
5. Fireflies hide during the day. ____
6. The light comes from a firefly's head. ____
7. Every firefly blinks in exactly the same pattern. ____
8. Fireflies can fly. ____
9. Fireflies are becoming harder to find in some places. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: night, tail, fly, catch, bug

1. Fireflies come out at _____ when the sky gets dark.
2. The light comes from the end of a firefly's _____.

3. On warm summer evenings, you can watch fireflies _____ through the air.
4. Some children like to gently _____ fireflies in a jar.
5. A firefly is a small, glowing _____ that lights up the night.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What makes a firefly different from other insects?
2. When do fireflies come out, and what do they do during the day?
3. Where does a firefly's light come from?
4. What should you do after catching a firefly in a jar?
5. Why are fireflies becoming harder to see in some places?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen fireflies at night? What did they look like?
2. Why do you think people enjoy watching fireflies so much?
3. What can people do to help protect fireflies and other insects?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-f, 2-g, 3-c, 4-h, 5-i, 6-a, 7-j, 8-d, 9-e, 10-b

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-night, 2-tail, 3-fly, 4-catch, 5-bug

D. Comprehension:

1. A firefly is different from other insects because it is small and can make its own light, glowing like a tiny lamp.
2. Fireflies come out at night. During the day, they hide under leaves and grass to rest.
3. A firefly's light comes from a special part near the end of its body, close to its tail, called a lantern.
4. After catching a firefly in a jar, you should watch it glow for a little while and then let it fly away again.
5. Fireflies are becoming harder to see because bright city lights and pollution are taking away the dark places they need.

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