

Did You Hear About

INSTRUCTIONS: I am going to read you a passage called *Little Dragons*. I will read it to you twice. After you listen to the first reading, you will be asked to answer a set of questions related to what you have heard. I will then read the passage again. After the second reading, you will be given time to review your answers to the questions and revise them if needed.

Little Dragons

A dragonfly is an insect with a long, colorful body, transparent wings, and big eyes. Dragonflies can be red, yellow, blue, or green. They can be as small as half an inch long or as big as over five inches long. Although the dragonfly has six legs like all insects, it rarely walks. Instead, it hovers, flies forwards and backwards, and sometimes just rests in one place. Reaching top speeds of over thirty miles per hour, the dragonfly is one of the fastest-flying insects in the world.

Dragonflies are found in warm climates all over the world. They like to live near the water, where they can find plenty of gnats and mosquitoes to eat. They also eat cicadas, flies, and sometimes even smaller dragonflies. Dragonflies hunt by making a basket with their legs and swooping to catch their prey. They bite their prey to hold it in place, and sometimes they eat it while they are still flying. Dragonflies do not hurt people, as they can neither sting nor bite.

Dragonflies have been around for about three hundred million years. Prehistoric dragonflies were enormous, with wingspans sometimes reaching as much as two and a half feet.

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QUESTIONS: Little Dragons

Circle the correct answer.

1. What kind of creature is a dragonfly?
2. What color are a dragonfly's wings?
3. What do dragonflies do more, walk or fly?
4. How fast can a dragonfly go?
5. What kind of climates do dragonflies like?
6. What do dragonflies eat?
7. Do dragonflies bite or sting?
8. How long have dragonflies been around?
9. How big were prehistoric dragonflies?

