Insects Up Close

Form letters, join them, and write about an insect.

4.F.H.4 "Write Cursive: Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in cursive."

NAME _____ DATE _____

BEFORE YOU WRITE

- Sit tall and tilt your paper.
- Let your letters rest on the baseline.
- Leave a finger space between words.

1 LETTERS AND WORD

Trace

Trace the letters and insect word, then write the word on the blank line.

a c d g o q

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dragonfly

2 JOINED LETTERS

Trace

Trace each pair of joined letters.

sh sh sh sh

or or or or

wi wi wi wi

bu bu bu bu

3 INSECT WORDS

Copy

Copy the word and both sentences in cursive on the lines below.

cocoon

A beetle has six legs.

Some moths sip flower nectar.

4 YOUR OWN WRITING

In cursive

Write two cursive sentences about an insect you have seen up close. Include one detail you noticed.

CHECK YOUR WRITING

- [ ] I leave space between words.
- [ ] My letters are easy to read.
- [ ] My letters rest on the baseline.
- [ ] My letters keep a steady size and slant.

ANSWER KEY

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Lowercase and capital letters are legible.
- Letters within words connect clearly.
- Words have clear spaces between them.
- Letter size, slant, and baseline placement are consistent.
- The student's two cursive sentences include an observed insect detail.

The models are printed in one traditional cursive. If your handwriting program forms a letter differently, students follow your program.

MODELS ON THE PAGE

- **Part 1 · Letters and Word** (trace): a c d g o q · A C D G O Q · dragonfly
- **Part 2 · Joined Letters** (trace): sh · or · wi · bu
- **Part 3 · Insect Words** (copy): cocoon · A beetle has six legs. · Some moths sip flower nectar.

YOUR OWN WRITING (SAMPLE)

Task: Write two cursive sentences about an insect you have seen up close. Include one detail you noticed.

I saw an ant on a leaf. Its legs moved fast.

Accept any two sensible cursive sentences about an insect the student has observed, including one noticed detail. Judge legibility and control rather than a single cursive style.