COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Arlo Builds a Safe Home for Ladybugs

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Arlo designs an open garden shelter that gives ladybugs shade without trapping them.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Arlo saw ladybugs resting under leaves beside the bean plants. He wanted to build them shelter from hot sun and rain.

Part 2

His first idea was a closed jar with tiny holes. Grandma explained that wild insects must be free to leave whenever they choose.

Part 3

Arlo returned the ladybug to its leaf. He chose two pieces of bark and made an open tunnel with space at both ends.

Part 4

He added hollow plant stems for dry hiding places. A wide leaf became a slanted roof so raindrops could run off.

Part 5

The first roof blew away in a breeze. Arlo tucked its stem under the bark and held the corners with two smooth pebbles.

Part 6

He placed the shelter near bean plants with aphids, which ladybugs eat. He kept it away from the busy garden path.

Part 7

The next morning, one ladybug rested inside while another crawled out. Arlo watched quietly and did not block either opening.

Part 8

Arlo learned that a helpful animal home offers shelter, food nearby, and a safe exit. Good designs respect living creatures.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. Why did Arlo want to build a shelter?

A. To teach ladybugs to paint	B. To carry toys	C. To protect ladybugs from hot sun and rain

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. Why was a closed jar not a good home?

A. The ladybugs needed to leave freely	B. The jar was too shiny	C. The jar had no label

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What made rain run off the shelter?

A. A flat paper plate	B. A wide leaf used as a slanted roof	C. A pile of dry sand

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. How did Arlo stop the roof from blowing away?

A. He filled it with water	B. He held it all night	C. He tucked it under bark and used pebbles

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. What should a helpful animal home include?

A. Shelter, nearby food, and a safe exit	B. A locked door	C. Bright flashing lights

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. C - To protect ladybugs from hot sun and rain

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2. A - The ladybugs needed to leave freely

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3. B - A wide leaf used as a slanted roof

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4. C - He tucked it under bark and used pebbles

He tucked it under bark and used pebbles

5. A - Shelter, nearby food, and a safe exit

Shelter, nearby food, and a safe exit

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.