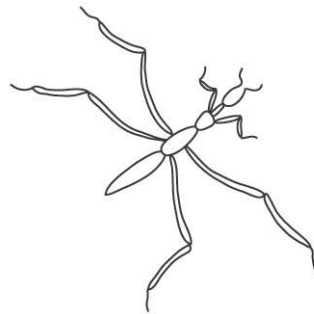
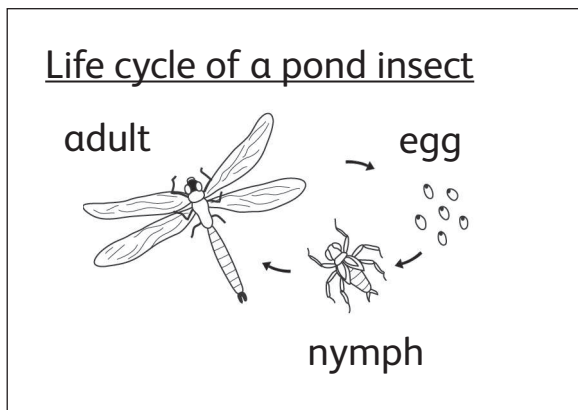
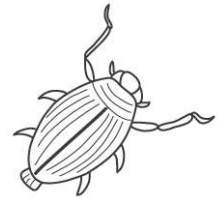


## Minibeasts in the Pond

Minibeasts are very small animals. You can find them outside in a garden, a park, a wood or a pond. There are many different kinds of minibeasts.

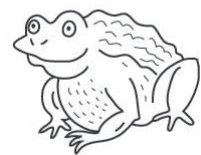
### Insects

Insects all have six legs. Many insects live in ponds. Water boatmen, whirligig beetles and pond skaters are all insects that live in ponds. Some flying insects, like dragonflies, live in ponds when they are larvae.



### Frogs and toads

Frogs and toads are minibeasts. Frogs live in ponds. Toads don't live in ponds, but they need to live near ponds to lay their eggs. Frogs and toads both lay their eggs in a sticky jelly in ponds. Tadpoles hatch from the eggs. They grow into frogs or toads.



### Pond snails

Some snails live in rivers and ponds. Like land snails, pond snails have hard shells that protect them. They can pull their soft bodies inside their shells if they think danger is near. Pond snails eat tiny plants, called algae, as well as dead plants. They help to keep ponds clean and fresh.



You **must** have an adult with you if you go near a pond to look for minibeasts. If you catch a minibeast, you should always let it go again.

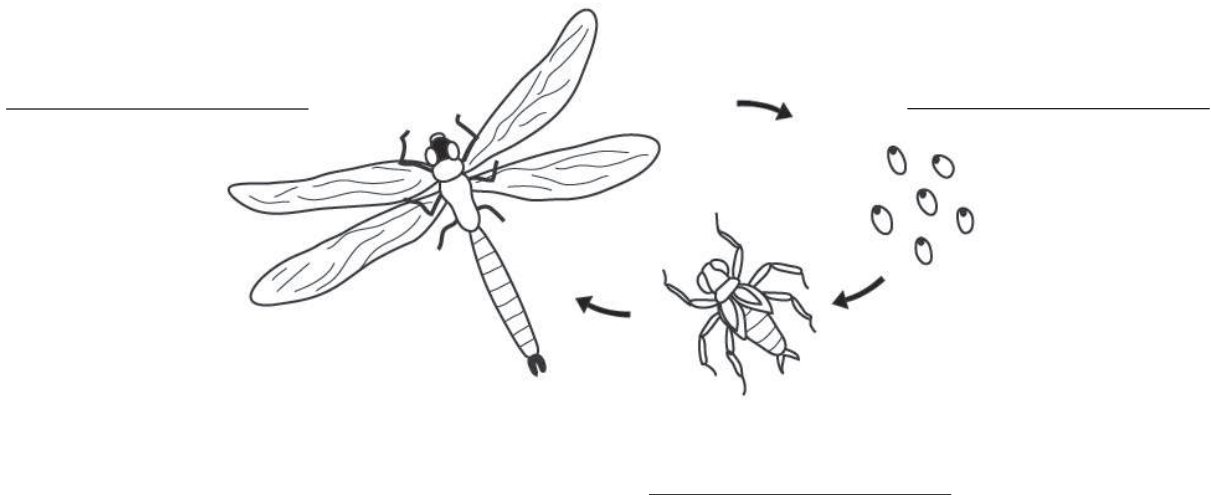
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## Minibeasts in the Pond

1 Write the names of **three** insects that live in ponds.

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2 Label these pictures to show how a pond insect grows.



3 Circle the frog.



Name:

Date:

4 What hatches from a toad's egg?

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5 What does a pond snail do if it thinks danger is near?



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6 Why do people like to have pond snails in their ponds?

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