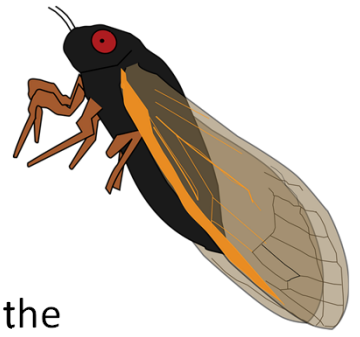


My Cicada Life!



I'm a cicada, a little insect with big eyes and shiny wings. I live in a forest, but not where you can see me. I stay under the ground where it's dark and cozy. I've been down here for 17 years! That's longer than you've been alive!

I have lots of friends down here, and we all are waiting for our big day. That's the day we all come out of the ground and say hello to the sun. We are a bit shy, so we only do this every 17 years. When it's time, we come out and shake off our old skin. It's like getting new clothes that sparkle in the sun. Then, we get these cool wings that let us fly up, up, up into the trees! Now, here's the fun part. We cicadas love to sing! It's our favorite thing to do. The boy cicadas, like me, we sing the loudest. We do it to find girl cicadas. It's like saying, "Hey, I'm here, and I sing really well!" Our singing is super loud, and it fills the whole forest. It's like a big party where everyone is invited. We sing to celebrate the warm summer and to find a family. We don't bite or sting; we're friendly! We just like to make music and enjoy the sunshine. After our big concert, we lay eggs for the next group of cicadas. Then, the baby cicadas go underground, just like I did.

1. Read the passage about 'My Cicada Life!'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

1. What is a cicada?

- a. a little insect
- b. a little fly
- c. a little bee

2. How long does the cicada stay under the ground?

- a. 16 years
- b. 17 years
- c. 18 years

3. What do cicadas do when they come out of the ground?

- a. shake off their feet
- b. shake off their old wings
- c. shake off their old skin

4. What do cicadas love to do?

- a. dance
- b. eat
- c. sing

5. What do cicadas do after their big singing concert?

- a. lay eggs
- b. dance
- c. go back underground

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
2. *Making Connections*
3. *Summarizing*
4. *Visualizing*

1. Why do you think cicadas like to sing?
 2. How are cicadas similar to butterflies?
 3. Describe the life of a cicada.
 4. Write a description for a singing cicada.
- Would you want to be a cicada? Why or why not?
 - Describe how you think the cicadas sound.
 - List 3 facts about a cicada.
 - How do you think cicadas survive under the ground?
 - Draw a picture of a cicada and label its parts.
 - What would another good titles for this reading passage be?