

# Fun facts about amazing ladybirds

Ladybirds are small beetles

Ladybirds are red, yellow or orange with black legs, heads and antennae

Not all ladybirds have spots, some have stripes, patches or streaks

In winter, they like to find a warm place to hibernate

A ladybird's life cycle has four stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult

Ladybirds can lay 40 eggs in one go

## A Ladybird's Life Cycle

A ladybird egg hatches into a little creature called a larva, which looks a bit like a worm or a caterpillar. The larva is very hungry. It likes to eat lots of tiny insects called aphids before turning into something called a pupa. This is a very sleepy stage, when it changes colour and grows wings, and finally turns into ... a ladybird!



Test what you have learnt about ladybirds by answering our quiz:

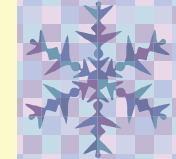
1. What kind of insect is a ladybird?



2. What does a ladybird larva like to eat?



3. What do ladybirds do in winter?



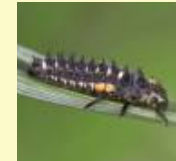
4. What is this?



5. What are these?



6. What is this?



7. What is this?



8. What colours are ladybirds?



9. Do all ladybirds have spots?



Answers: 1. A beetle 2. Aphids 3. They hibernate 4. Ladybird pupa 5. Ladybird eggs 6. Ladybird larva 7. Ladybird 8. Red, yellow, orange 9. No - e.g. striped ladybird

