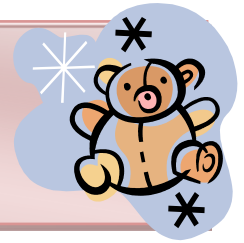




# Be Excited About Reading BEAR Book Activity

Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School



## Before Reading

Take a picture walk through the book. Look at the pictures in the book and ask your child, “What do you think the Ladybug is feeling?” This kind of activity is called “making an inference.” This helps build your child’s understanding of how the pictures and the words work with each other. Your child can use the pictures to make the words of this simple story more meaningful.

## Read Together



## *Fly Away Home* Shoo Rayner

Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home.  
Ladybug is sad. She wants to find a home.  
Do you think she will find one?

## After Reading

## Ladybug Poems

### Ladybug

The ladybug’s a beetle  
It’s shaped like a pea  
Its color is a bright red  
With logs of spots to see

Although the name is “ladybug”,  
Some ladybugs are “men”,  
So why don’t we say “gentleman bug”  
Every now and then?

### Five Little Ladybugs

Five little ladybugs climbing on some  
plants,  
Eating the aphids, but not the ants.  
The first one said, “Save some aphids for  
me.”  
The second one said, “They’re as tasty as  
can be.”  
The third one said, “Oh they’re almost  
gone.”  
The fourth one said, “Then we’d better  
move on.”  
The fifth one said, “Come on, let’s fly!”  
So they opened up their wings and they  
flew through the sky.

## Ladybug’s trip

Re-read the book. Ask your child to draw a picture showing the ladybug’s journey. Where did the ladybug go first? Second? And so on. Have your child talk about what they drew with you.

## Share New Words

- Ladybug
- On
- Feelings
- Happy



## Look for These Books at Your Library

- 📖 *Are You a Ladybug?* by Judy Allen
- 📖 *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle
- 📖 *The Very Lonely Firefly* by Eric Carle
- 📖 *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold

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