

READ THE PASSAGE Picture how the insects hide.

Tricky Insects

See that leaf moving in the wind? Look again. It is an insect. It just looks like a leaf! Hungry birds do not know it is a bug. They do not try to eat it.

Some butterflies look like dried leaves. They rest with their wings together to match the real leaves around them. The colorful parts of their wings are hidden until they fly away.

Another bug that wears a costume is the stick insect. It looks like its name—a stick! This insect hides in the leaves and twigs of a tree. It can turn green or brown to match the colors around it. Some stick insects are tiny. Others are a foot long.

Insects are very clever. Maybe the next time you take a walk, you will see one pretending to be something else.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Draw to show.

This is what I think a stick insect looks like:

SKILL PRACTICE Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- Another good title for the passage would be _____.
Ⓐ "Matching Colors"
Ⓑ "Hungry Birds"
Ⓒ "Insects and Plants"
Ⓓ "Great Pretenders"
- Birds do not eat leaf insects because they _____.
Ⓐ cannot see them
Ⓑ cannot catch them
Ⓒ do not know they are bugs
Ⓓ do not think they taste good
- Some butterflies look like dried leaves so that they can _____.
Ⓐ catch bugs
Ⓑ rest
Ⓒ fly away
Ⓓ close their wings
- One way stick insects are different from real sticks is that they _____.
Ⓐ have legs
Ⓑ trick birds
Ⓒ are up in trees
Ⓓ look like wood