

A Bug's Life



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Sensory story by David Babatunde Wilson

Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **Ugly Bug Ball**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oq17LXDBJ9o>

Story ending:

- **Creepy Crawly Song**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9Ej5vT3tcg>



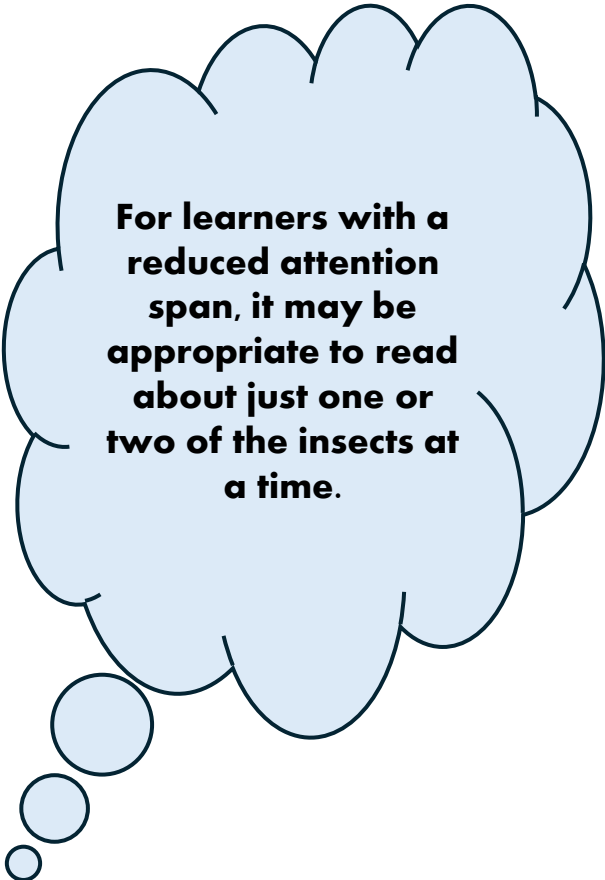
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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- **Insect toys**
- **Magnifying glass**
- **Rug**
- **Trowel**
- **Leaves**
- **Pebbles**
- **Sticks**
- **Noodles**
- **Sound switch – “Think I’ll go and eat worms” song**
- **Edible soil**
- **Scissors**
- **Toy spider**
- **Sound switch – “Incy wincy spider”**
- **Dark cloth**
- **Toy flies**
- **Dream catcher (or other web)**
- **Sound switch – buzzing**
- **Play foor**
- **Sound switch – “poo!”**
- **Sound switch – “yuck!”**
- **Puppet bees**
- **Flowers (real or artificial)**
- **Custard powder**
- **Apple**
- **Honey**
- **Sound switch – cheering**
- **Knitted caterpillar**
- **Cabbage**
- **Sound switch – snoring**
- **Butterfly toy or butterfly art**



For learners with a reduced attention span, it may be appropriate to read about just one or two of the insects at a time.

Sensory resources and activities

Insect toys

Magnifying glass

Rug

Learners look through magnifying glass

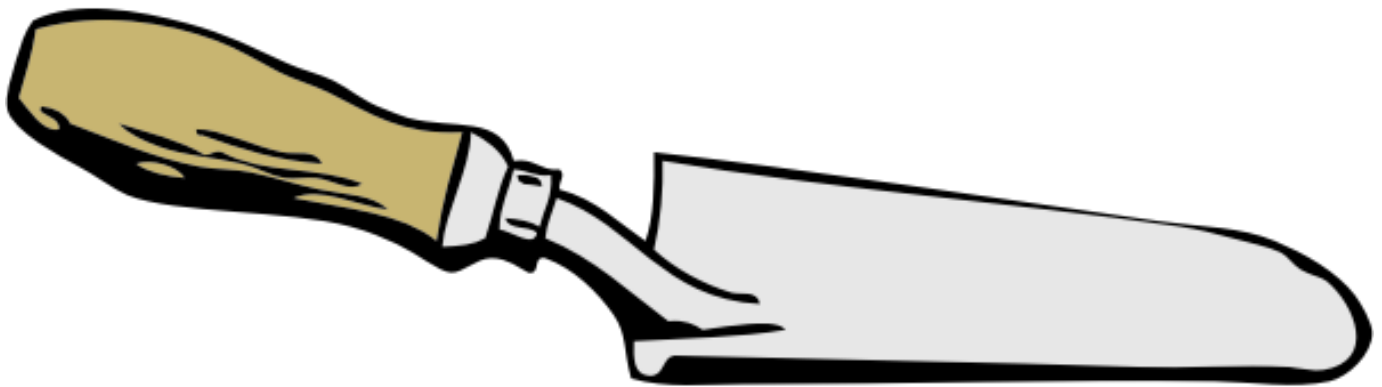


***It's time to go hunting
For beasties and bugs
And wee creepy crawlies
That hide under rugs***



Sensory resources and activities

**Trowel
Leaves
Pebbles
Sticks**



***We'll dig in the soil
And peer under leaves
We'll turn over stones
Look high up in trees***



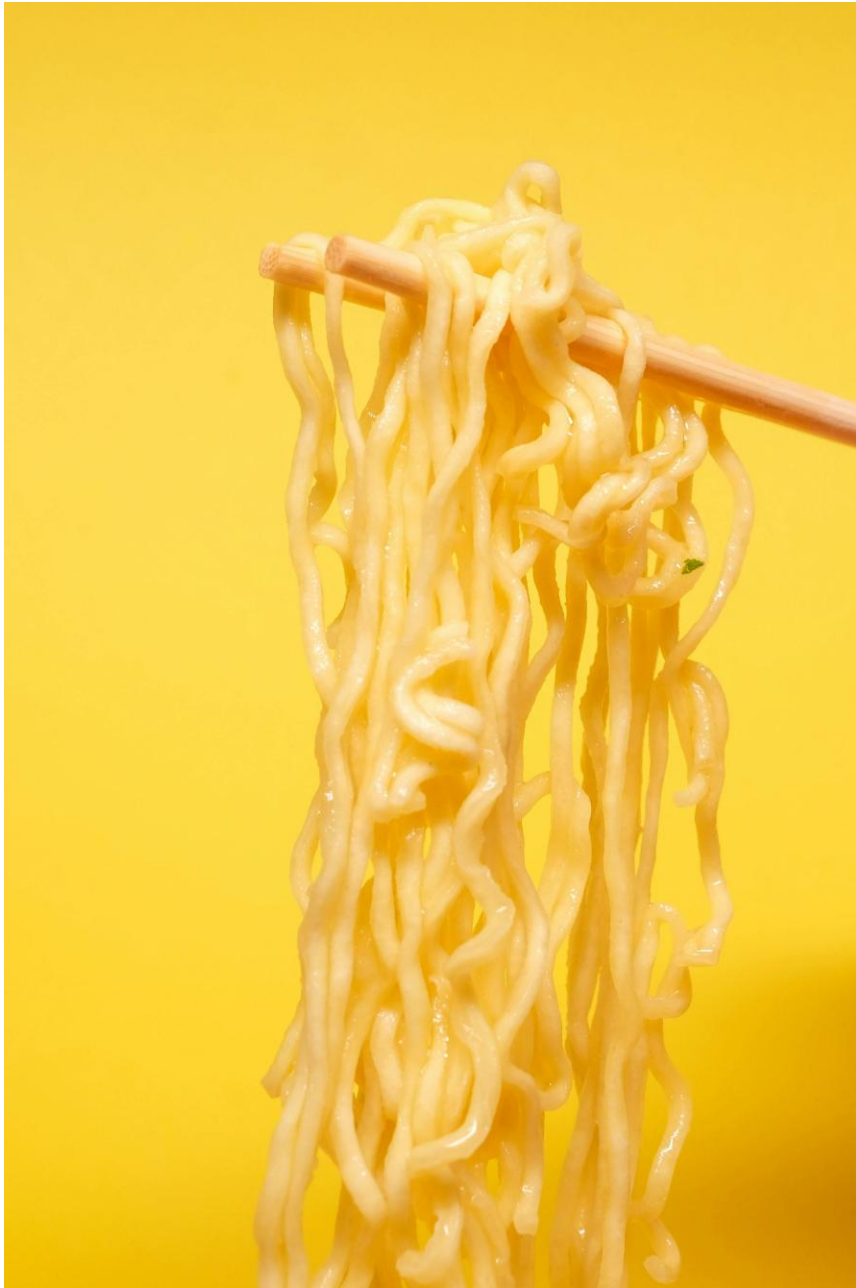
Sensory resources and activities

Noodles

**Sound switch - "think I'll go eat
worms"**

Veg

Edible soil



Worms

**Worms live under-ground
Where they wriggle and
toil**

**They eat rotting veg
And poo out new soil**



Sensory resources and activities

Scissors

***Wriggle index finger like a worm
(fine motor)***

***Scissor control – cutting string or
paper (fine motor)***



**If they get cut in half
They wriggle and grow
We get a new worm
Now that's quite a show!**



Sensory resources and activities

Spider (toy)

Sound switch - "incy wincy spider"

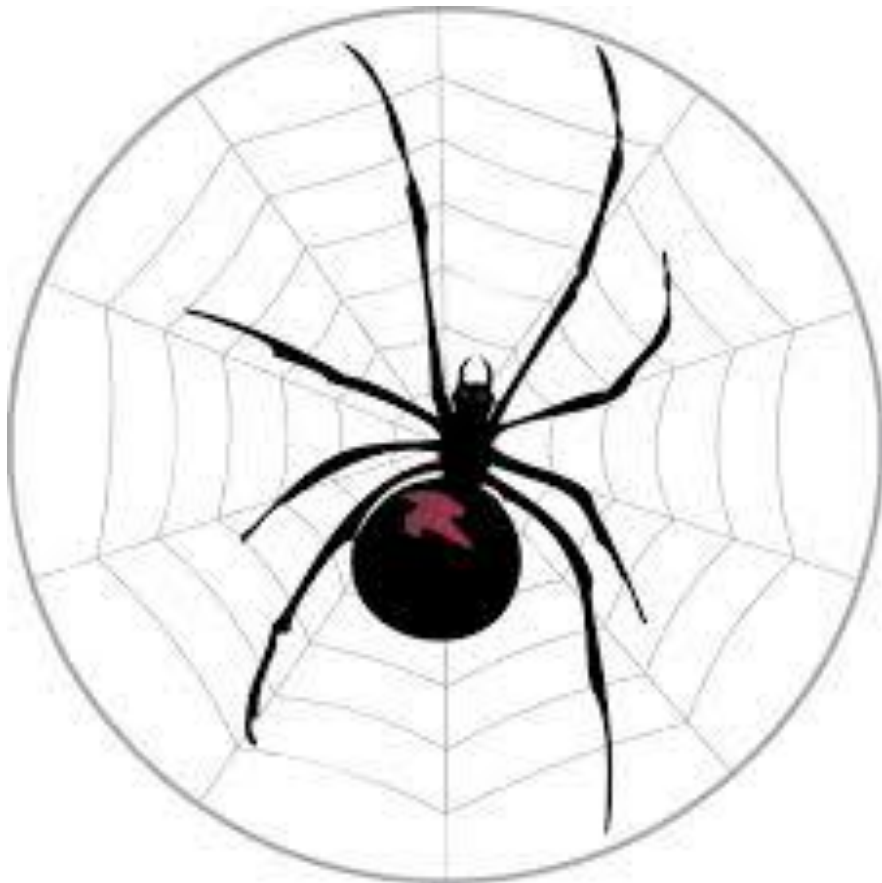
Dark cloth

Run fingers up and down learner's arm like a spider



Spiders

**These eight legged beasts
Scurry silent and fast
They climb up walls in the
dark
Watch the world bumbling
past**



Sensory resources and activities

Wool
Web (dream catcher)
Flies (toys)



**They twist and weave and
turn and spin
Build webs of silky tread
To catch a fly and suck its
juice
Until it's good and dead**



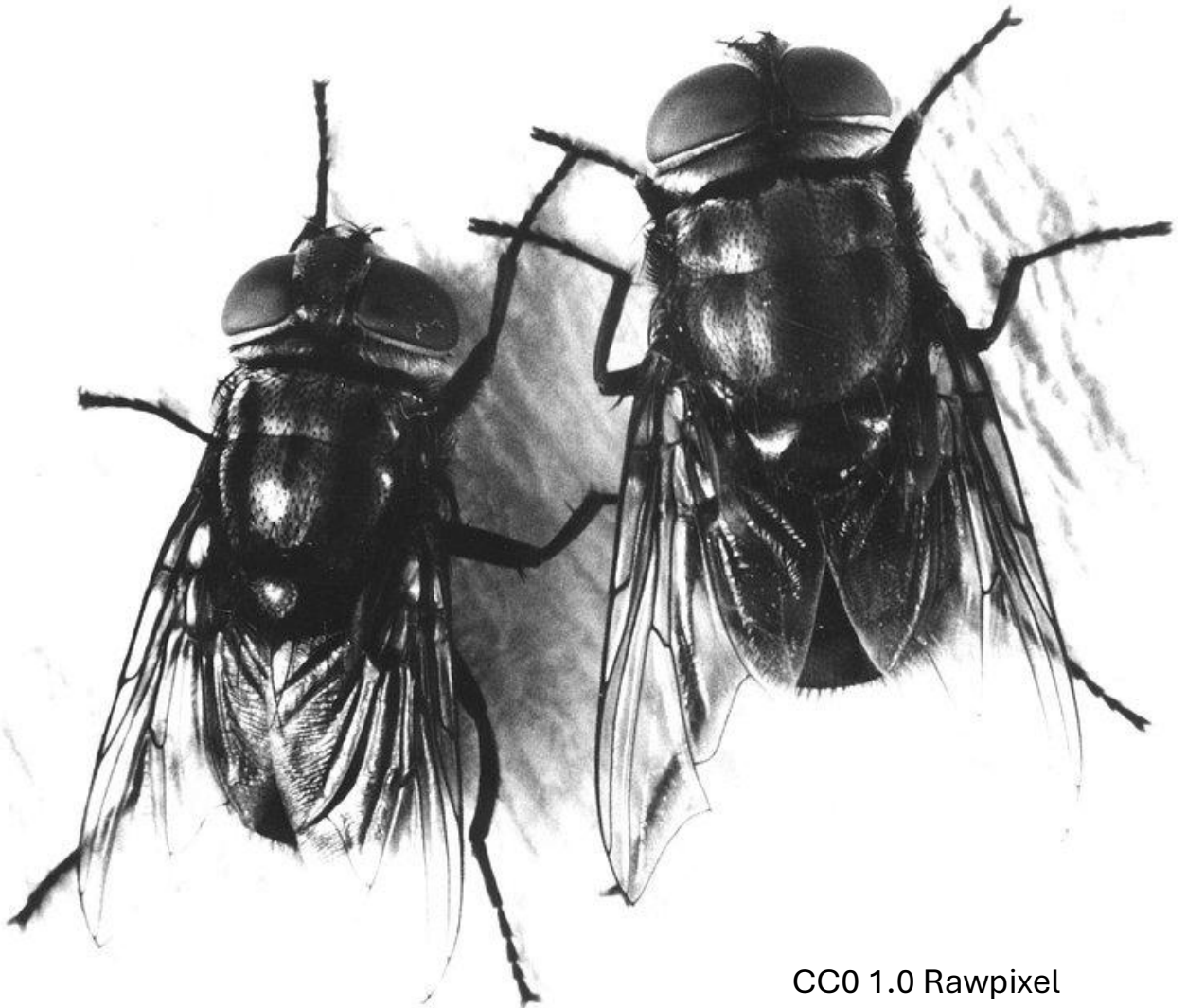
Sensory resources and activities

Flies (toys) **Sound switch – buzzing sound**



Flies

**The buzzing hum of dirty flies
When weather's getting warm
As soon as you see one of them
You know there'll be a swarm**



Sensory resources and activities

Play food

Sound switch - "poo!"

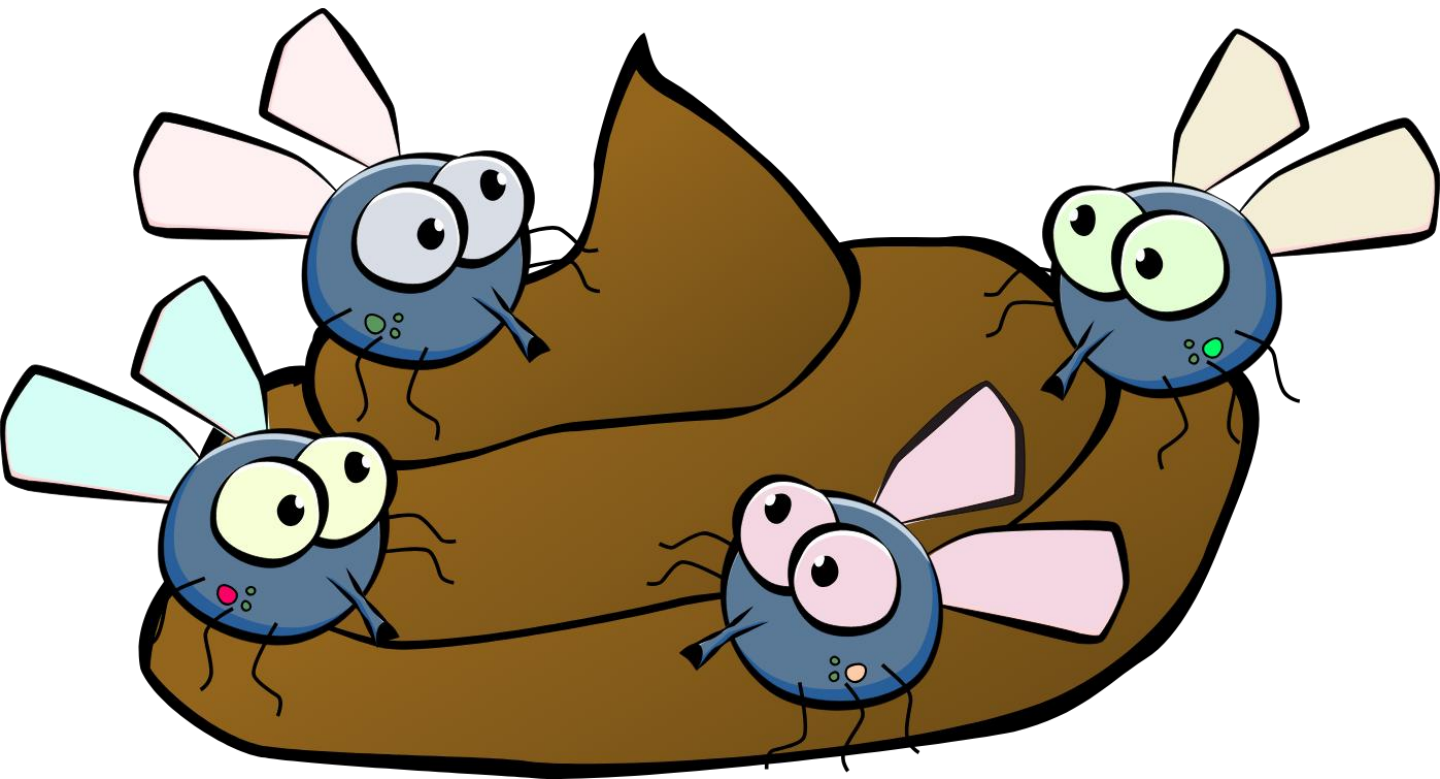
Sound switch - "yuck"

*Lightly rest finger on back of learner's neck,
shoulder or head*

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**They land on food
And sick and stinky poo
And then, oh yuck
They go and land on you**



Sensory resources and activities

Bees (puppet)
Buzzing switch

Flowers

**Custard powder or other yellow
powder**



Bees

**Bees are quite amazing
They flit from flower to
flower**

**With pollen and with nectar
Tiny bursts of insect power**

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Sensory resources and activities

**Honey
Apple
Sound switch - Cheering**



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**They make sweet tasting
honey**

Cause fruit to grow on trees

Communicate by dancing

Let's give a cheer for bees



Sensory resources and activities

Caterpillar toys Cabbage



Caterpillar

**The hairy ugly caterpillar
Munching through your
cabbage
Chomps through leaves and
all things green
Your garden he can ravage**

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Sensory resources and activities

Sound switch - snoring
Butterfly toy / art



**Then spins a bed and goes to
sleep
You'd think he's gone to die
Till he breaks out and spreads
his wings
A gorgeous butterfly**



***We've found a few amazing
bugs
That crawl and fly and scurry
Some are slow and hide a lot
And some are in a hurry***



***But when you watch and learn
a bit***

***They leave you in a daze
They may be scary or quite
gross***

But surely will amaze





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