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Who Lives Under the Log?

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A log lies in the woods.

Lift it. Look!

A worm! No eyes, but it feels the light.

It breathes with its skin.

A pill bug! It is not a bug.

It is a cousin of the crab.

It eats old, rotting plants.

A ground beetle! It hunts at night.

It eats slugs and worms.

A red-backed salamander! It has no lungs.

It breathes with its skin, too.

It eats worms and snails.

It must stay damp.

It is cool, dark, and damp. A good home.

Put the log back. Now they are home.

Questions

1. What do worms breathe with?

A. Lungs
B. Their skin
C. Their legs

2. A pill bug is a cousin of which animal?

A. A bee
B. A frog
C. A crab

3. When do most ground beetles hunt?

A. At night
B. At noon
C. Never

4. Why does the salamander need a damp home?

A. It likes mud
B. It is afraid
C. It has no lungs

5. What does "damp" mean?

A. Very hot
B. A little wet
C. Very loud

Words to know

log: fallen tree
worm: legless digger
beetle: hard-shelled bug
salamander: damp-skin animal
damp: a little wet

Answer key: Who Lives Under the Log?

1. B. Their skin
2. C. A crab
3. A. At night
4. C. It has no lungs
5. B. A little wet