

Instructions

What you need:

- Plastic tweezers, or a large wooden spoon
- Clean jars or containers
- Magnifying glass
- A notebook and pencil / pen

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- Start your search by looking around flowers, bushes or at the base of trees
- Turning over small or medium sized rocks, you will usually be able to find some bugs – they tend to like dark, damp places
- Once you have found a bug, place some clean dirt in the bottom of the container and pick him up with the spoon or tweezers – be gentle, insects are tough but nowhere near as big as you!
- Place him carefully in your container and cover with a lid or cloth
- Now you can examine the bug through the container by using the magnifying glass – try noting down everything you can about the bug (colour, shape, size, legs, antennae)
- Once you have finished looking at your insect, gently put them back where they found them.

Challenge

In MINUSCULE, the remains of an abandoned picnic spark a standoff between the good black ants and the evil red ants. A bold and brave young ladybird finds himself caught in the middle of the battle and befriends Mandible, one of the black ants. With the safety of the black ants' nest at risk, our plucky ladybird helps take on the aggressive red ants, led by the evil Butor, and must use all his courage to win the day.

Here's the challenge:

Can you find the three main characters of MINUSCULE on your bug hunt?

Here are some pictures to help...

Mandible (black ant)



Butor (red ant)



Ladybird

