

Playbooks Reader's Theater - Bug Off!

Fly

I am a fly,
Up I the sky.
If I fly by,
Will you say "hi"?

Ladybug

I am a ladybug,
All red and black.
Can you see all the spots,
Here on my back?

Ant

I am an ant.
I like to run.
I run all day,
Here in the sun.

Bee

I am a bee,
A bee in a tree.
Do you like me?
I am a good bee.

Matt

I do not like bugs!

That is what I say!

They need to bug off!

They must go away!

All

(This color all read together.)

Narrator

As the narrator, I am the master storyteller! It's up to me to keep the story alive and interesting with each exciting detail. So, I must read everything with expression and excitement!

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Matt I see a bug, a bug on my mug.

Bug off, go away!

Ladybug Yes, I am a bug.

Ant A bug on your mug,

Bee A bug by your jug.

Ladybug So give me a hug!

Matt You bugs are all bad! Bug off, go away!
All But we can be good, we have something to say.
Matt I do not like bugs! I do **not** want to know.
All You must let us tell you, or we will **not** go.

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Ladybug Now here is the fly.
Fly Yes, I am the fly.
Ant The fly in the sky,
Bee The fly that will try,
Fly To sit on your pie!
Matt Get off of my pie!

Ladybug Hold on just a bit.
Ant Do not have a fit!
Bee Just let the fly sit!

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Matt You bugs are all bad! Bug off, go away!
All But we can be good, we have something to say.
Matt I do not like bugs! I do **not** want to know.
All You must let us tell you, or we will **not** go.
Fly When I was a baby, my job was to eat.
Ladybug It ate dirty things, and it made the earth neat.

Fly I gave to the plants just the right food they need.

Ladybug To grow big ad tall from a cute, little seed.

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Fly When I grow and get bigger, then I become food.

Matt I do not want to know, I am not in the mood!

Matt You bugs are all bad! Bug off, go away!

All But we can be good, we have something to say.

Matt I do not like bugs! I do **not** want to know.

All You must let us tell you, or we will **not** go.

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Fly So I am the fly. I am good to eat.

Ladybug The fly is so tasty, it is such a treat!

Ladybug The frogs like the fly,

The frogs in the bogs

Bee The frogs on the logs,

Ant The frogs in the fog!

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Fly And fish like me, too!
Ladybug And birds eat a few.
Bee They eat it. They do!
Ant They like it. Do you?
Ladybug And spiders, you know,
Fly I help them to grow!
Bee They all need the fly!
Ladybug Now do you see why?

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Matt O.K., so I see.
 Will you let me be?
Fly We have more to say!
Ant And so we will stay.
Matt I do not like bugs! I do **not** want to know.
All You must let us tell you, or we will **not** go.
Matt Bug off, go away!
All No! No! We will stay!

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Ladybug Now where is the bee?
Ant Look up! You will see.
Fly Up there in the tree!

Bee Up here! It is me!
Fly The bee is the best!
Ant The bee is the top!
Ladybug The bee does not rest.
Fly The bee does not stop.

Matt But what does it do?
Ant Just let us tell you.

Ladybug The bee helps he plants.
Fly It helps them to grow.
Bee I am good! I am nice!
Ant Do you see? It is so!

Matt But how does it do it?
Bee Just look, you will see.
Ladybug It goes to the flowers.
Fly It helps with their seed.
Ladybug It moves them around.
Fly That is what they need.

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Ant The bee is so good!
Bee You cannot say "no."

Ant You have to say "yes,"

Bee Because it is so.

Ladybug Because of the bee,

Fly There are pretty plants.

Ladybug And fruit in the trees.

Fly And honey for the ants.

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Matt Do ants like honey?

Ant We like it! We do!

Bee Do you like it, too?

Matt Well, yes, yes I do.

Matt The bee does all that?

Ladybug They do so much good.

Bee So do you like me?

Matt I think that I could.

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Fly That is good to know.

Matt So now will you go?

Ant We have more to say!

Ladybug You have more to know!

Matt No, no, I am done!
Bee But this is so fun.
Matt Bug off. Go away!
All No, no, we will stay.

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Bee Now here is the ant.
Matt The ant makes me mad!
Ant You do not like me?
Matt You ants are all bad!

Bee You say ants are bad?
Fly But see what they do.
Ladybug They dig in the dirt.
Matt So what! I do, too.

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Ladybug They work very hard.
Ant Just see what we do.
Fly Look out in your yard.
Bee Look there now, will you?
Matt But so what? So they dig.
Fly They dig more than you know.

Ladybug They're all over the world.
Fly They work fast and not slow.

Ladybug They dig little holes.
Ant This lets in the air.
Fly This lets in the water,
Ladybug The ant cleans up, too,
Just like baby flies.
Ant We do what they do.

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Ladybug They take what they find on top of the
Ground,
Fly They put it in dirt and mix it around.
Ant We do a good job.
Fly Just look at the plants!
Bee See how they look good?
Ant Now do you like ants?

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Matt Well, I do not know.
Bee Do you like them a bit?
Fly They do their job well.

Ladybug This you have to admit.

Matt So you all have your jobs?

Ant Yes we do! Now you see!

Bee The ant has a job.

Ant And so does the bee.

Bee The fly has one, too.

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Matt I know about that.

Fly I do a good job.

Matt Do not be a brat.

Matt I know what you said.

Ladybug Did you change your mind?

Ant Do you like bugs?

Fly Will you be kind?

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Matt I will be nice.

But what do **you** do?

Ladybug Are you talking to me?

Matt I am talking to you.

Ladybug I help your roses.
Fly If she is not near,
Ladybug The roses will suffer,
Bee If she is not here.

Ant She eats up the bugs,
Ladybug That sit on the flowers,
Fly That take little bites,
Ladybug For hours and hours.

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Ladybug Without me to stop them,
Fly They would eat all day.
Ladybug The roses would die.
Fly They would all go away.

Ant So she is a good bug. And so is the bee.
Bee The fly and the ant are good, too. Do you
see?

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Matt I know that you all have your jobs that you
do.
Ladybug And they are important, for us and for you.

Ladybug So now do you like us? We all have our
Place!

Matt I like you O.K., but just not in my face!

Ant O.K., we will go now.

Fly But before we do,

Bee We have one more job,

Ant And that job is for you!

Fly We need you to tell other kids about us,

Ladybug About how we are good. Do not make a
fuss!

Bee We want kids to like us.

Fly We want them to know,

Ladybug The good things we do.

Fly Will you make it so?

Matt You want me to tell other kids about you?
Well, O.K. then that is just what I will do.

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Narrator After Matt promised the little bugs he
would tell other kids all about the good
things they did, the bugs were very

happy. They said 'goodbye' and then hurried off to continue doing their jobs. Matt kept his promise and told all his friends about the ladybug, the fly, the bee and the ant. When he grew up, he told another friend all about his buggy experience and she wrote this story.

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