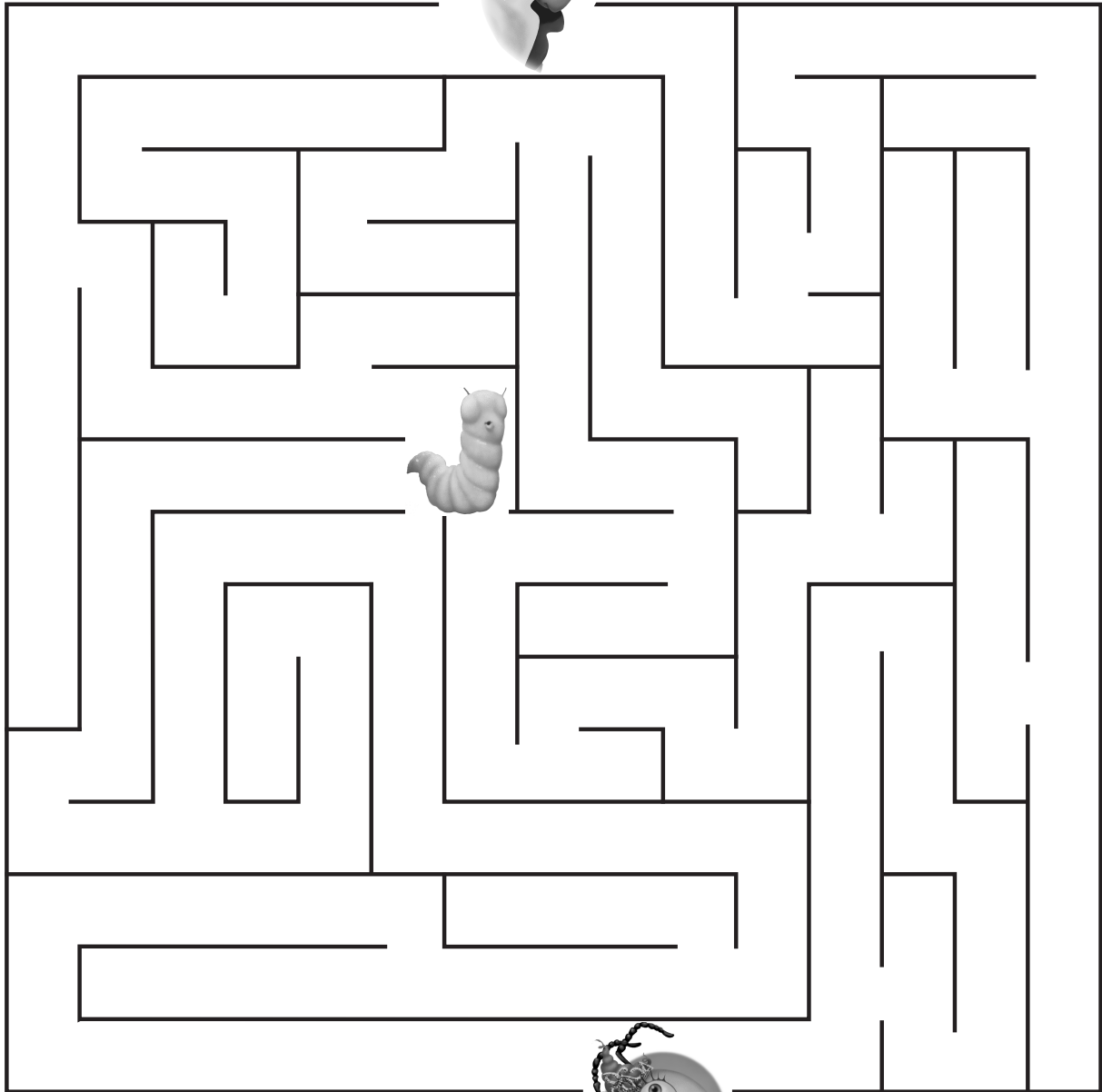


Help Ace find Queenie Bee in the sticky twists and turns of this mystery maze!



The Buzz on the Street Word Find: Who's Who in Motham City



Find _____

Ace Lacewing

Sergeant Zito

Queenie Bee

Twig

Princess Pollen

Smooch

Mayor Buzzbee

Al the Drone

Xerces Blue

Five Legs Murphy



Classroom Mystery Activities

Ace: The Vocabulary Mystery Crossword Puzzle

After the students have read ***Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective***, split the class into small groups. Have each group pick out words from the story that are mysterious or unusual to them. Decide at the beginning how many words each group should pick. As a team, each group creates a crossword puzzle using their chosen words. Use definitions or examples from the story to create clues. Each team then shares its crossword with another team to see if the vocabulary mysteries can be solved.

Create a New Ending

What if Princess Pollen got away?!? Each student can write a new 1–2 page ending to ***Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective***.



Uncover the True Identity

Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective is full of interesting characters from the insect world. Ace himself is a Green Lacewing, a winged bug that grows from a larva like a butterfly and is a great friend to gardeners because it eats pests. Ask students to pick a character from the book and research and report on the bug's true identity.

Write a Classroom Mystery

Discuss the elements of a mystery. Brainstorm ideas for a story that everyone would want to write and to read. Break up into mystery-writing teams. Each group will work together to compose a mystery story and publish it for the classroom library.



Invite the Law

Invite a policeman to visit the class to discuss safety issues and do a presentation on fingerprinting.

The Language of Bugs

Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective is full of figurative language: “Queenie Bee is in a honey of a jam;” “. . . traffic was crawling;” “. . . squirmed the maggot;” etc. Discuss what the author means by these phrases. Can the class come up with other words and phrases that we use in everyday language to explain feelings and actions?

