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Alphabet Tales

Ages 2 and up.

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Initial lessons

- 1- Letter Sound for Aa, sight word A
- 2- Letter Sound for Tt
- 3- Blend A and T, sight word AT
- 4- Letter Sound for Ff
- 5- Blend F, A, and T to make “fat.”
- 6- Letter Sound Cc
- 7- Blend sounds for “cat”

How to Use This Book

For pre-schoolers, just enjoy the stories together, at most emphasizing the letter sounds. There is no need for any additional teaching goal, nor any reason to push any certain learning concept with these children. Preschool children will absorb the letter shapes and sounds as you read and re-read the stories together, and will enter kindergarten with a solid foundation for learning.

For kindergarten-aged children, use the stories to introduce letters and sounds. After hearing the stories, children will recognize each letter symbol (much as we recognize faces we know when we see a photo), and will easily relate each symbol to its corresponding sound. The story line and illustrations naturally tie the symbol to the sound, bypassing the need for memorization.

As always, a great follow-up to reading the stories is artwork. The processing that children do during creative times deepens the impressions gained during “instructional time.” Children hearing about Abner and the ants, for instance, might feel inspired to use crayons to draw the anthill and the ants that live inside it. Refer to the Table of Contents to locate follow-up activities for each story.



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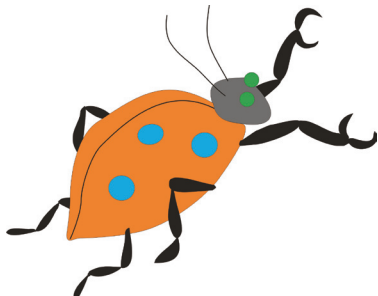
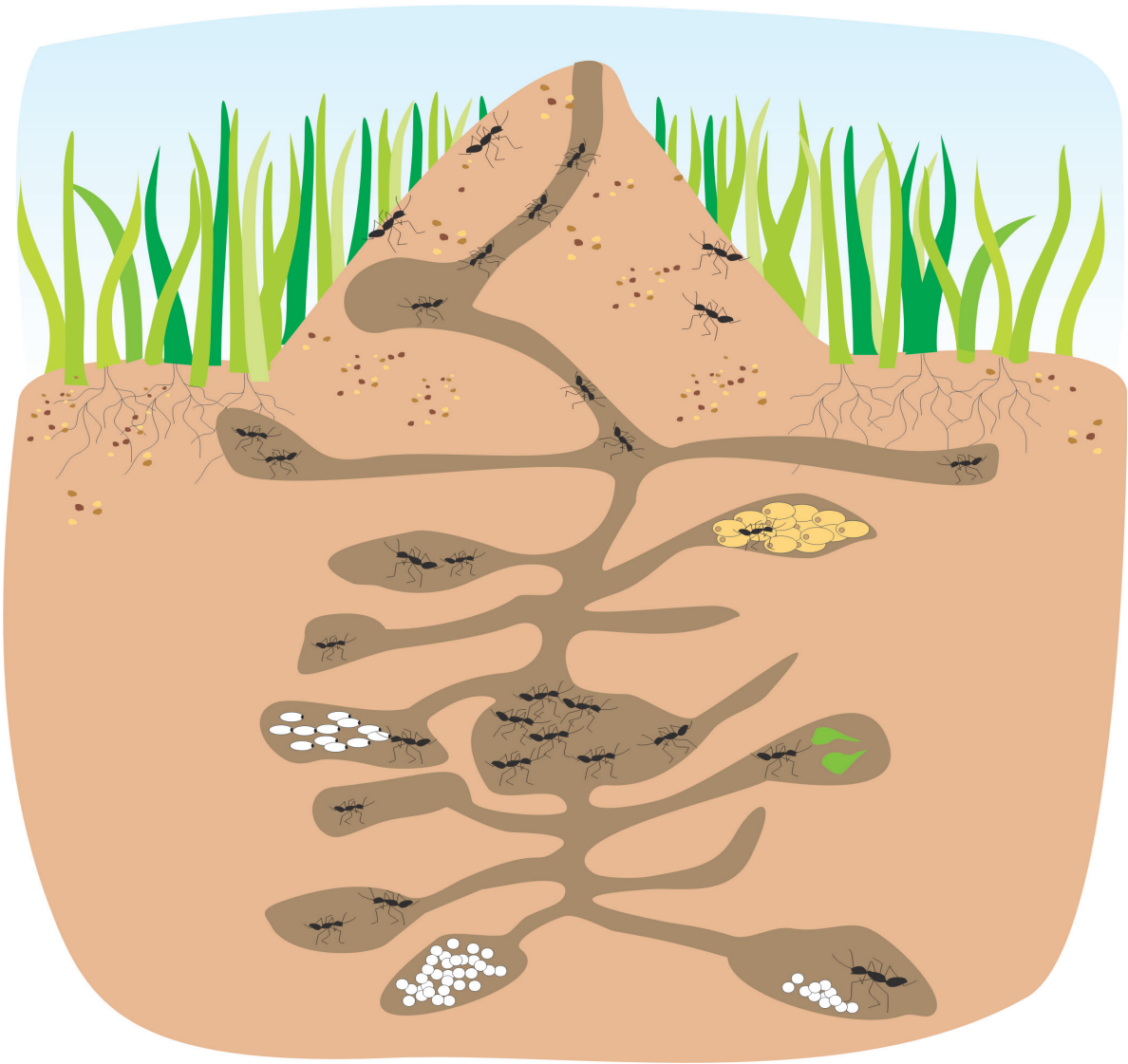
For Cookie Jo and Jaxson James

with so much love,
Grandma Sarah

The Story of A



Amy's Ants on an Anthill, Actually

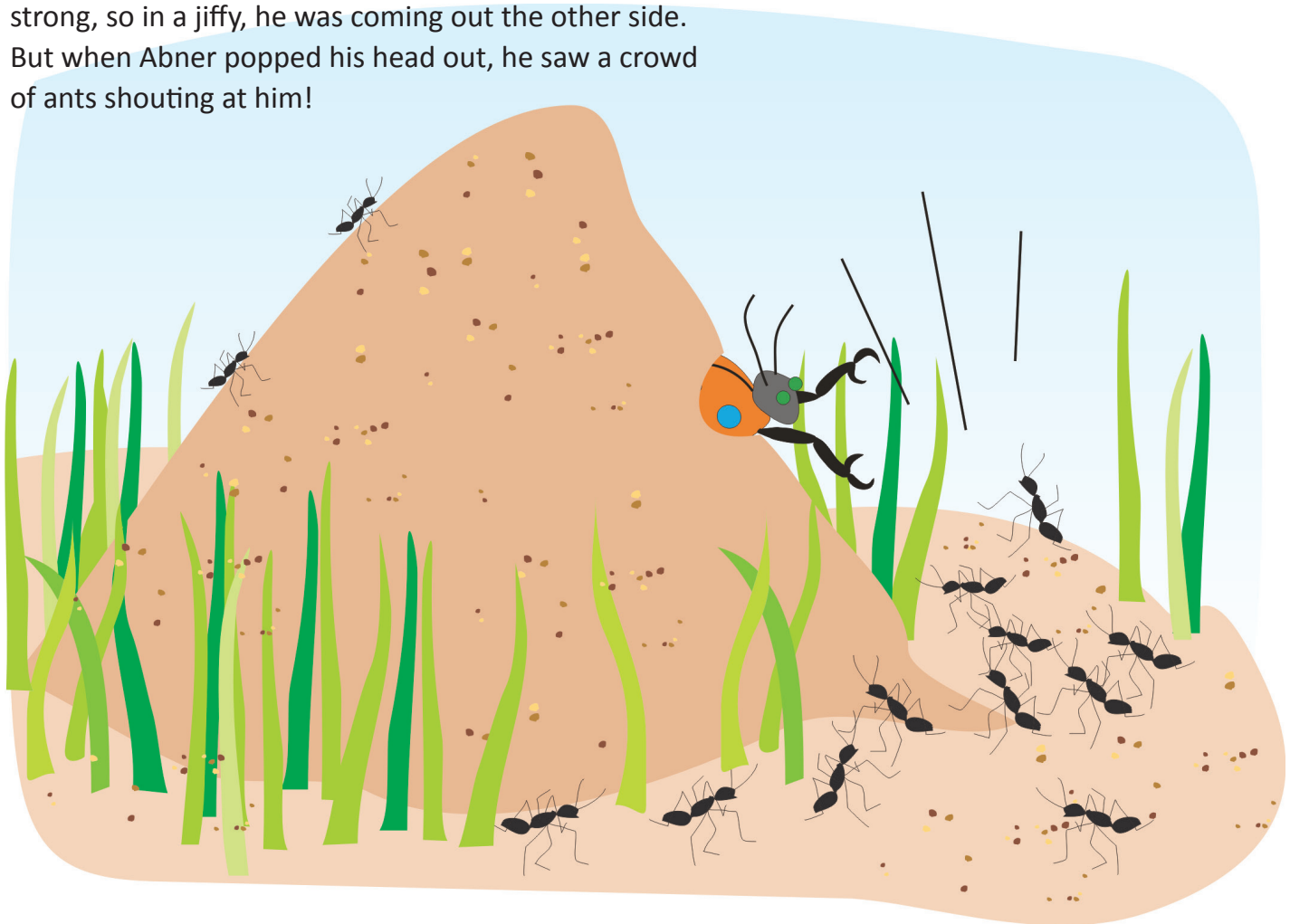
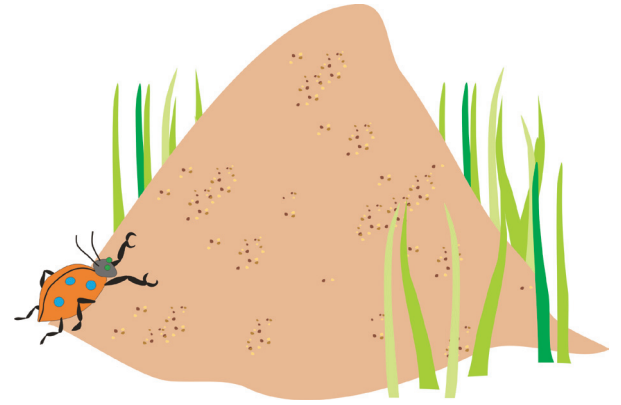


Behind Amy's house was a huge anthill where Anthony and Abigail lived with their friends. Under the ground were tunnels for food, for eggs, and for baby ants.

Far away lived a big bug named Abner. Abner was not very fast, but he was very, very strong!

One day, Abner went for a walk. Soon he came to a huge mountain! Abner said, "I will definitely have to climb this mountain!" Abner started to climb, but very soon he was exhausted! "Whew! I don't think I can make it to the top," Abner said. "I will have to dig a tunnel through the mountain!"

Abner was not very fast, but he was very, very strong, so in a jiffy, he was coming out the other side. But when Abner popped his head out, he saw a crowd of ants shouting at him!



“You old meanie! Our tunnels are ruined! How are we going to get our food? Now we can’t take care of our eggs!” they hollered.



Abner felt terrible! He had to do something! The next thing the ants knew, here came that big, wobbly bug again!

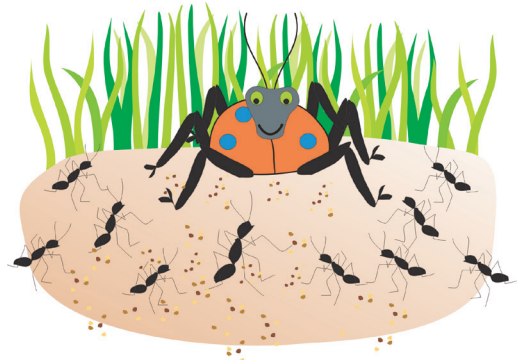
“OH NO!” they all yelled.

But when they saw Abner bringing an apple, they cheered, “YAY, FOOD!”

As soon as Abner let go, the apple started rolling down the hill.

“OH NO!” yelled the ants again.

“Don’t worry! I can fix this with my stick.” Abner shoved his stick into the ground and the apple stayed put. The ants didn’t even mind sharing the apple with a caterpillar! From that day on, Abner and the ants were best of friends.



The Story of T



Two Tables for Toast and Tea

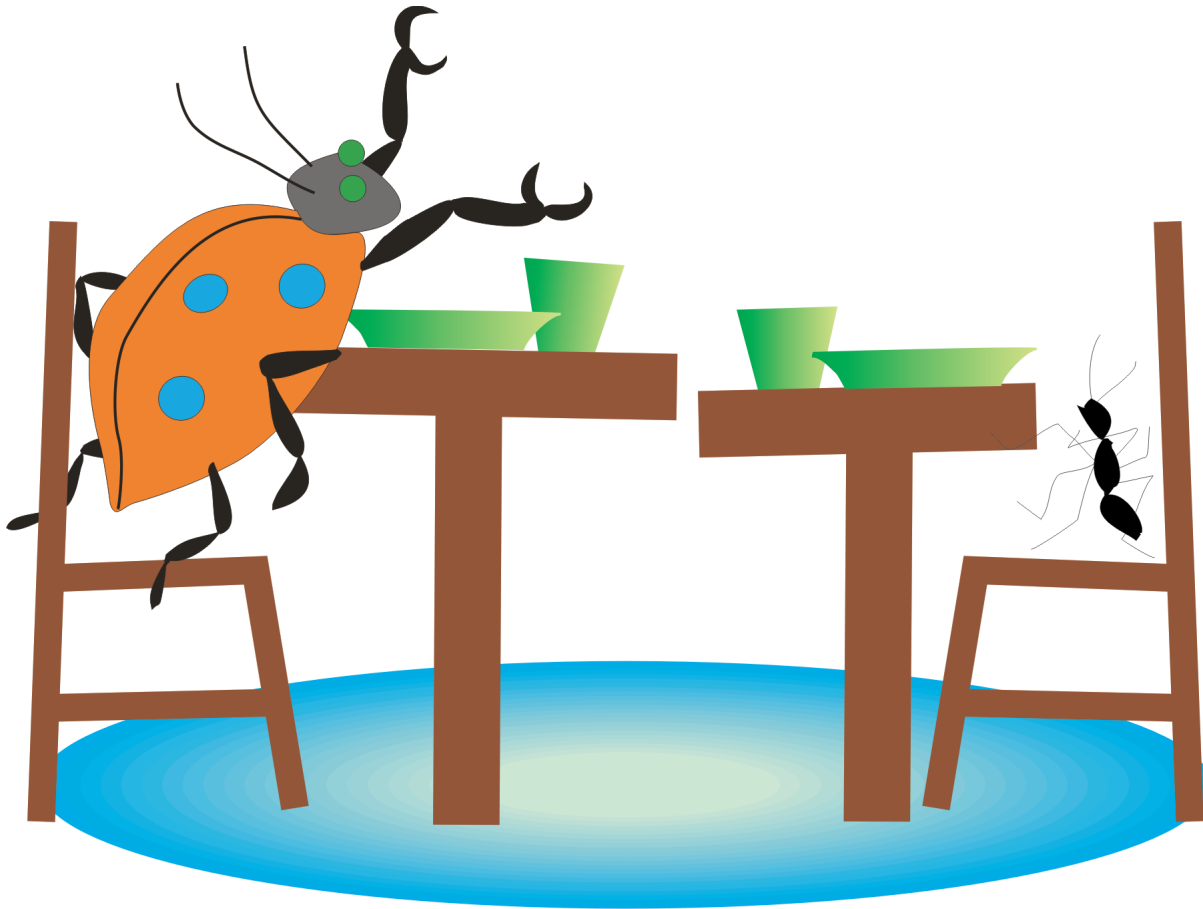
Abner and the ants liked to help each other.

The ants always asked Abner when they needed help lifting something heavy.



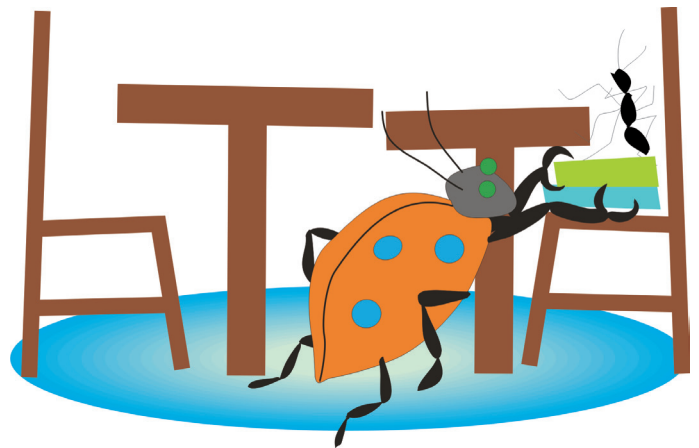
Abner wanted help finding a new place to live, so he asked Alexander over for toast and tea.

Alexander was happy to come over. He needed to ask Abner for help, too.



When the friends sat to eat, they noticed a terrible problem. Alexander could not reach the table!

First, Abner tried piling books on Alexander's chair. But Alexander felt like a big silly sitting on books!



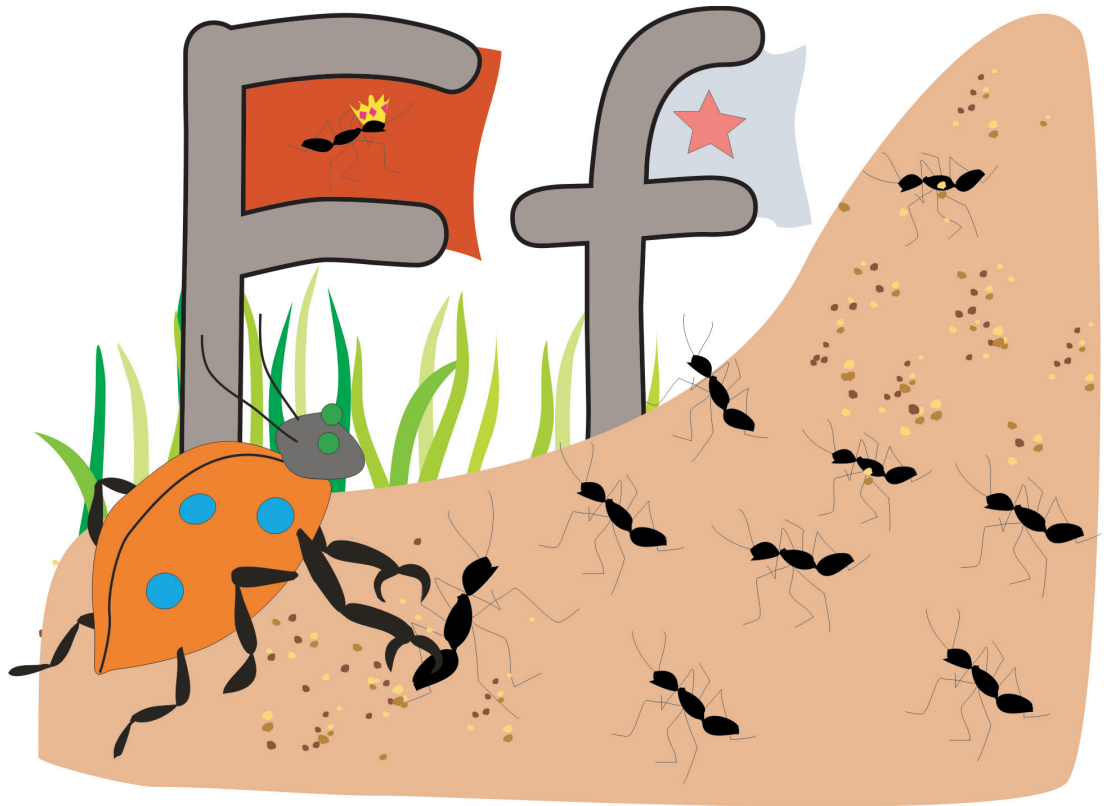


Then, Abner had a terrific idea! He grabbed the edges of Alexander's table, and pushed hard! With a loud cracking sound, the post popped right through the table top.

Now, Alexander's table was the perfect height! So the friends sat down again and this time, they enjoyed their toast and tea.



The Story of F



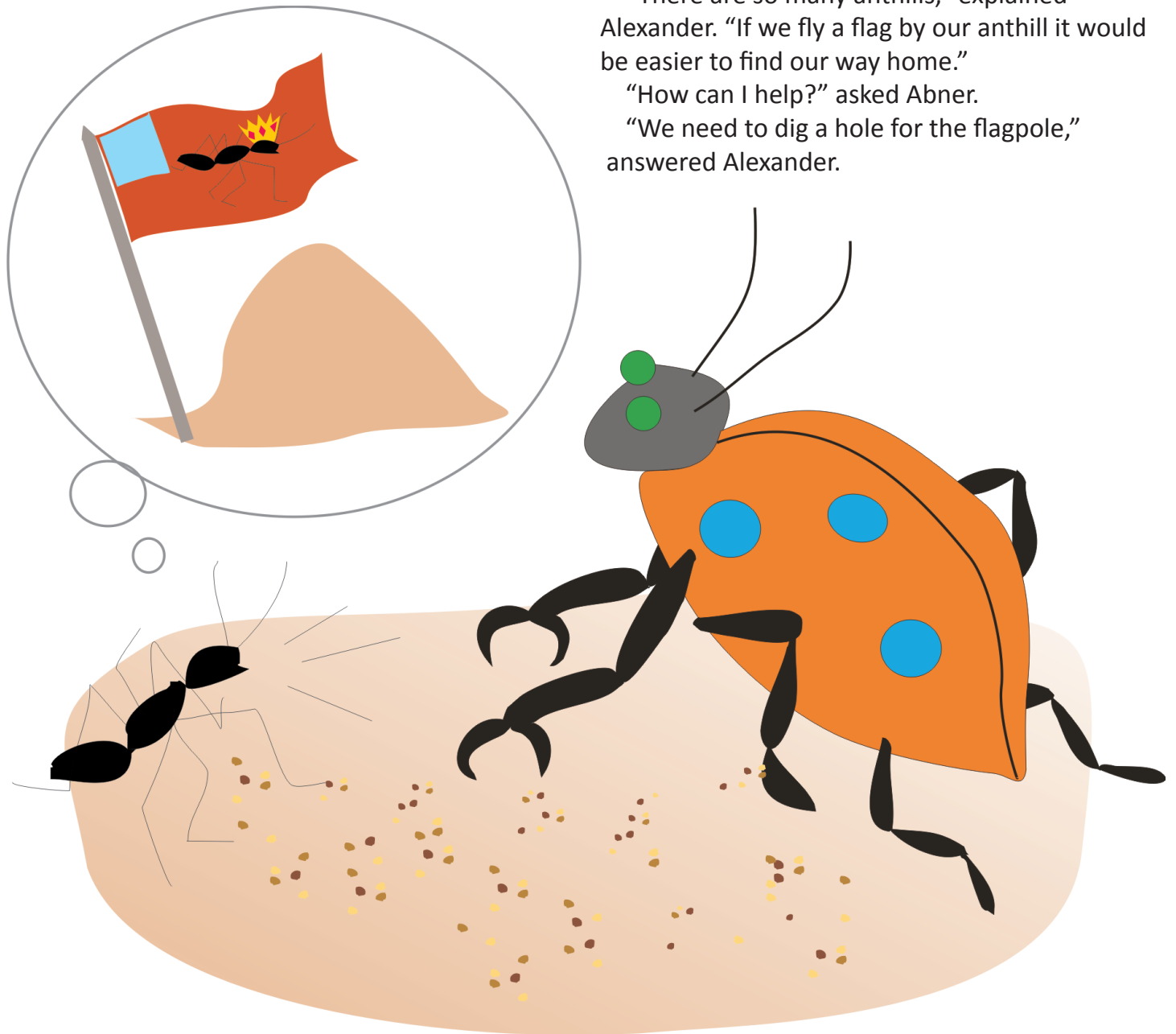
Fancy Flying Flags

After dinner, Abner asked Alexander what he wanted to talk about.

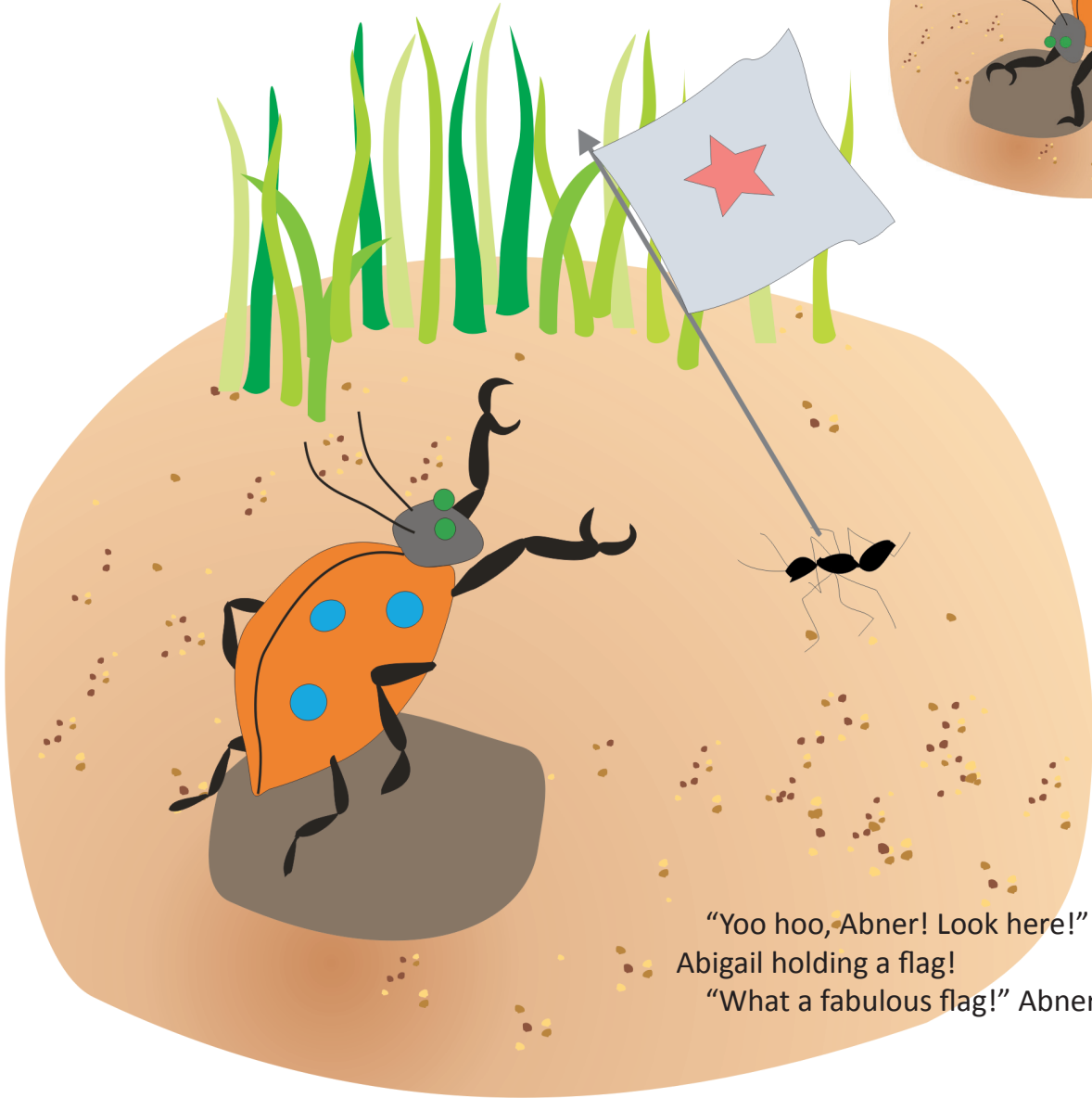
“There are so many anthills,” explained Alexander. “If we fly a flag by our anthill it would be easier to find our way home.”

“How can I help?” asked Abner.

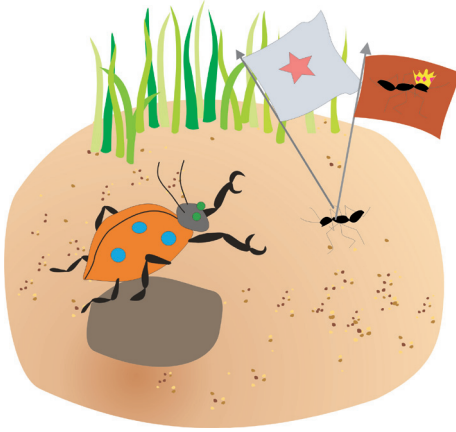
“We need to dig a hole for the flagpole,” answered Alexander.



The next morning, Abner started to work. He wasn't very fast, but he was very, very strong! Soon dirt was flying! Then Abner heard a voice behind him.



“Yoo hoo, Abner! Look here!” It was Abigail holding a flag!
“What a fabulous flag!” Abner exclaimed.

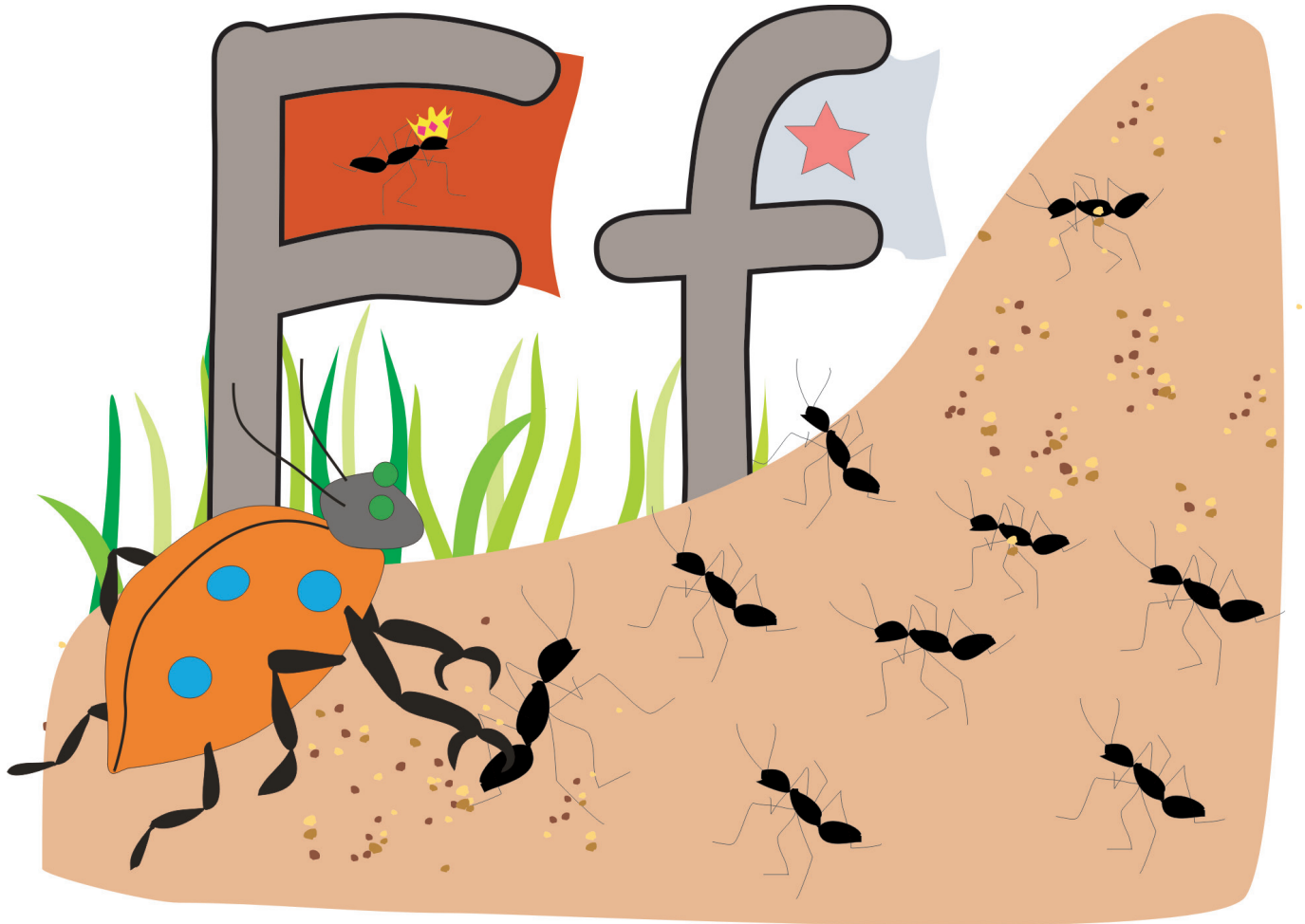


Then Abigail showed Abner another flag that was even finer than the first one.

“We can’t decide which one we like better, so we want both of them!”

“I guess I need to dig another hole,” Abner said.

Abner got right to work, and soon two fancy flags were flying by the anthill. Abner and the ants gathered around to celebrate.



Aa

HAND MOTIONS:



WRITING:

Uppercase: “Start on the ground and climb to the top of the hill (make a slide going up and away from you), then sit down and slide down to the ground (make a long slide going down away from you). Next, make a table straight through the middle”. Or “Climb up, slide down, then make a table through the middle.”

Lowercase: “Start by making a cave, but instead of leaving the door open, make your pencil go all the way back up to the top to close the opening. Then without lifting your pencil, come straight back down to the ground (make a thin man).”

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY:

Give the children a sheet of paper and crayons. Let them draw large capital A’s and make believe they are anthills. They can draw ants crawling up and down the sides. If you want a more involved project, let the children draw a large A and then brush glue right over the two sides with a Q-tip. They can then sprinkle sand over the glue and allow to dry before drawing their ants!

Ff

HAND MOTIONS:



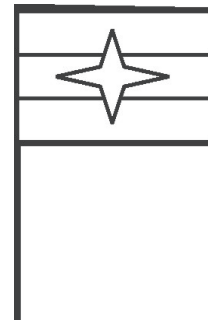
WRITING:

Uppercase: "Make a thin man for the flag pole. Put your pencil on the top of the thin man's head. Make a table. Put your pencil on the thin man's belly button and make another table."

Lowercase: "Start on the top line, but instead of going straight down, start a curve, and then drop the line to the ground. Make a table near the dotted line that goes all the way through the thin man."

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY:

Children can make real flags out of a chop stick, wooden skewer, or plastic straw, adding a decorated rectangle of paper glued to the top.





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Alphabet Tales



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Why This Alphabet?

- Each letter is designed to match its shape - example: F is Flag, M is Mountains
- Images are of known objects that begin with the related alphabet sound.
- The images and stories make it impossible for the child to forget the letter and its sound - one of the most fundamental and necessary skills needed for learning to read!

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