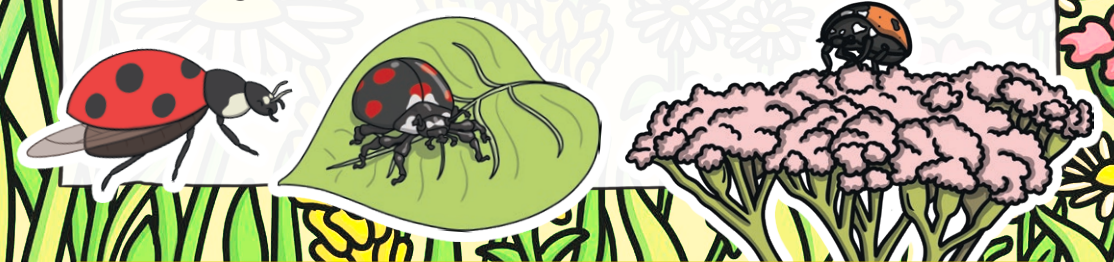


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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Ling felt relieved to see Doris and realise that she wasn't the only ladybird that looked different.



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