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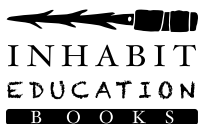
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Atira Meeka. Hilamiittamni aliagijara.

Nauhimajunik huradjaniglu qiniqhiajumajuktunga.

Ungahiktumunngaujumajuriittuq takujaami hunanigliqaak hilamiutanik.

Ublumi qiniqhiajunga kumangnik. Kumait mikkaujut arvinilingnik kanaalgit. Iharuqajuktullu.

Qiniqhiata. Malinnga!

My name is Meeka. I love spending time outdoors.

I find plants and animals really interesting. You don't have to go far to see amazing things in nature.

Today I am looking for insects. Insects are small animals with six legs. They usually have wings.

Let's go find some. Follow me!







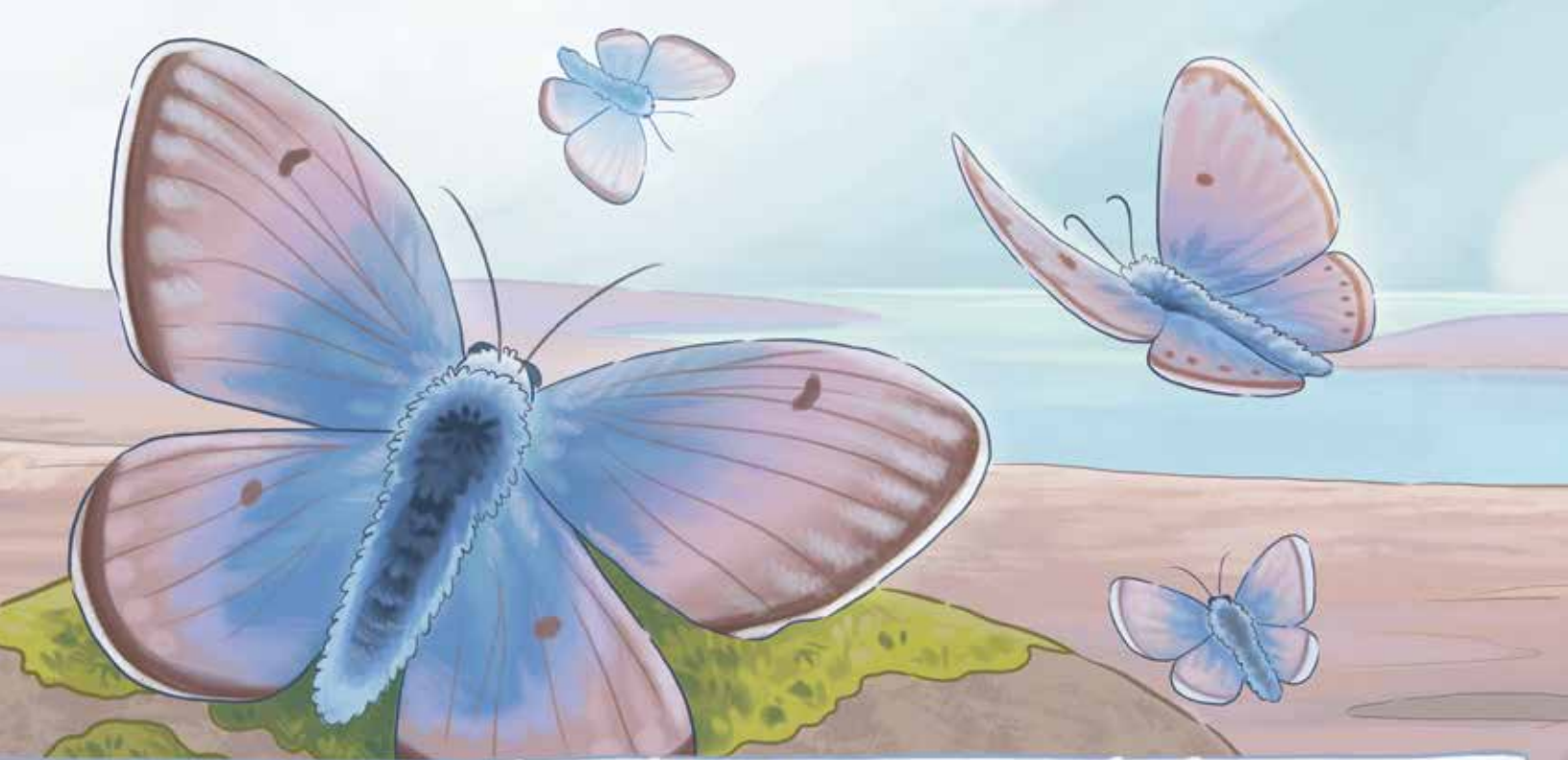
Niviuvak Housefly

**Hilamunngaujariitutit niviuvangnik paqittijaami!
Tingmilukaajuktut iglungni.**

**Niviuvat anngarnik aupajaaqtunik ijilgit. Takutaaqtut
avatimingnut atauttikkut. Taimaa anngutijuminaittut!**

**You don't even have to go outside to find houseflies!
They like to buzz around inside your house.**

**Houseflies have big, red eyes. They can see in all directions
at once. That makes them hard to catch!**



Ukiuqtaqtumi Arjiqtat Haqalikitaaq Arctic Blue Butterfly

Ukiuqtaqtumi arjiqtat haqalikitaat angijunik pinniqtunik iharulgit. Piqpagijatka mikkannuat timiit ihaqqidjuhiit iharuqtublutik!

Ukiuqtaqtumi arjiqtat haqalikitaaq miqattaqhutik nauttianut imirainnik miluktakhaqhiuqhutik.

Arctic blue butterflies have big, beautiful wings. I love how their little bodies can flap such big wings!

Arctic blue butterflies fly from flower to flower looking for nectar to eat.







Milugiaq Blackfly

Milugiat mikkaujut. Kajumikhutik tingmijuktut.

**Milugiat iharunnuangit igalaaqaqtutut ittut
tautungnaqtut avataanut.**

Miluktaugaangat milugianit ulurianaqtuq. Au!

Blackflies are small. They can fly really fast.

Blackflies have little wings that you can see through.

It hurts when blackflies bite. Ouch!









Aupajaaqtuq Min'nguq Ladybug

**Aupajaaqtut min'nguit ivitaalgit mikijut min'ngut.
Arligivaktatka takujaami kaimalluriktut timiit
tingmijut.**

**Paqittaaqtatit aupajaaqtut min'nguit humiliqaak
hilarjuami!**

**Ladybugs are colourful little beetles. It always
amazes me when I see their round bodies flying.**

You can find ladybugs all over the world!



Kikturiaq Mosquito

Kikturianik qiniqhajariittutit. Ilvit qiniqpagaatit!

**Kikturiat aukhiuraanginnaqtut
milukaqtakhamingnik. Kukukhiraangat
kukulaqinnaqpiaqtut.**

**You don't need to go looking for mosquitoes. They
are usually looking for you!**

**Mosquitoes are always looking for blood to drink.
Their bites are very itchy.**







Iguttaq

Polaris Bee

Iguttanik qun'ngiarumajuqtunga milukaaqtut nauttianik. Timingit qurjiqtat qirnariktullu mitquhaaqtut takuttauttaaqtut.

Iguttat kajumikpiaqtumik ihaqqiqivaktut!

I love watching bees collect pollen from flowers. Their fuzzy yellow and black bodies are very easy to see.

Polaris bees flap their wings really, really fast!










Qalirualaaq Weevil

Ujaqqat ataanut qiniqhialutit qalirualaanik paqittijumaguvit. Mikkaujut, madjaaqtut higguquqtujut min'nguit.

Qalirualaat tuquffihukkaangamik, nutqaqpiaqpaktut, ilitturijaunnaittumik.

Look under a rock if you want to find weevils. They are small, dark beetles with large snouts.

When weevils are scared, they stay completely still, hoping they won't be noticed.

A woolly bear caterpillar with a bright orange back and a dark brown/black head and tail is crawling on a grey, rounded hill. The background shows a soft-focus landscape with a body of water and distant hills under a sky with fluffy white clouds.

Mitqulik Quglugiaq Woolly Bear Caterpillar

Mitqulgit quglugiat mitquinnaujut!

**Mitqulgit quglugiat amigaitpiaqtut kanaannuangit.
Kihimi takunnaittut kanaangit mitquinnaugamik!**

Mitqulgit quglugiat nirivaktut nauhimajunik. Niriraanginnaqtut.

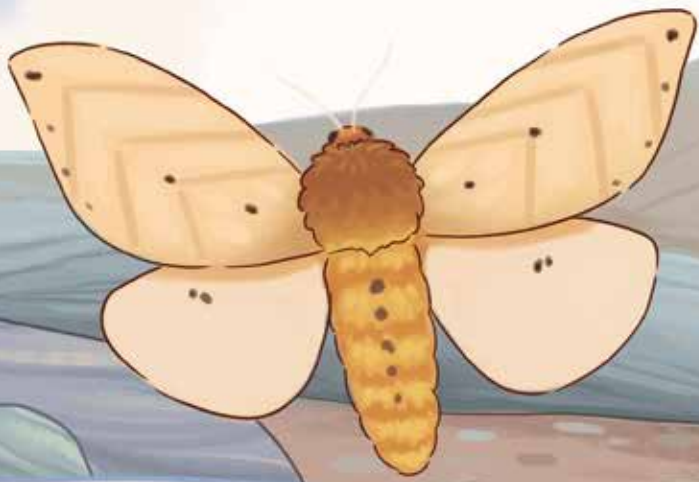
Woolly bear caterpillars are really fuzzy!

Woolly bear caterpillars have lots of little legs. But it is hard to see their legs through all that fuzz!

Woolly bear caterpillars eat plants. They like to eat a lot.







Mitqulik Ukpigaq Wooly Bear Moth

**Mitqulgit quglugiat ukpigannguqpaktut.
Arlingnaqtuq qanuq quglugiaq
ukpigannguqtiliraangamik.**

**Mitqulik ukpigaq aupajaangajuq-marlungajuq
ivitaanga qirnariktuqaqhunilu. Pinniqtuq!**

**Woolly bear caterpillars turn into woolly bear moths.
It is amazing the way a caterpillar becomes a moth.**

**The woolly bear moth is usually an orange-brown
colour with some black spots. It is beautiful!**





**Amigaittunik kumangnik paqittijugut ublumi! Kitu pinnariviuk?
Hunaniglikiaq aqagu takuniaqqita!**

**We found a lot of insects today! Which one was your favourite?
I wonder what we'll see tomorrow!**





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Maliglugu Meeka, kumangnik ilitturinahuannuaq, qiniqhiajuq maniqqami aallatqiinik kumangnik, iguttanit Ukiuqtaqtumi arjiqtaq haqalikitaaniglu aallaniglu aallatqiinik. Hunat tingmijut, nivjaaqtut, paamnguqtuluunniit qanurittunik takuhiniarmiva?

There are so many insects to discover in the North!

Join Meeka, a little entomologist, as she explores the tundra to find all sorts of bugs, from polaris bees to Arctic blue butterflies and everything in between. What flying, buzzing, crawling creatures will she discover next?



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