Read about ladybirds.

LADYBIRDS

Did you know that ladybirds come in lots of different colours?
They are not just red with black spots.
They can be orange with white spots.
Some are black with red spots and some have no spots at all!
The spots on a ladybird fade as the ladybird gets older.
Ladybirds are beetles. They belong to the insect family.
They can sometimes be called lady beetles or ladybugs.
Ladybirds like to eat greenfly.
This is good for gardeners.
Ladybirds keep the greenfly off their plants.
Ladybirds look pretty but they don't taste nice!
Birds soon learn not to eat them.

Date

Answer the questions.

1. What is another name for a ladybird?

Another name for a ladybird is _____

2. What colours are ladybirds?

Ladybirds are _____

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3. Do birds like ladybirds? _____

4. What happens to a ladybird's spots as it gets older? _____

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5. Are ladybirds good for gardeners? Why? _____

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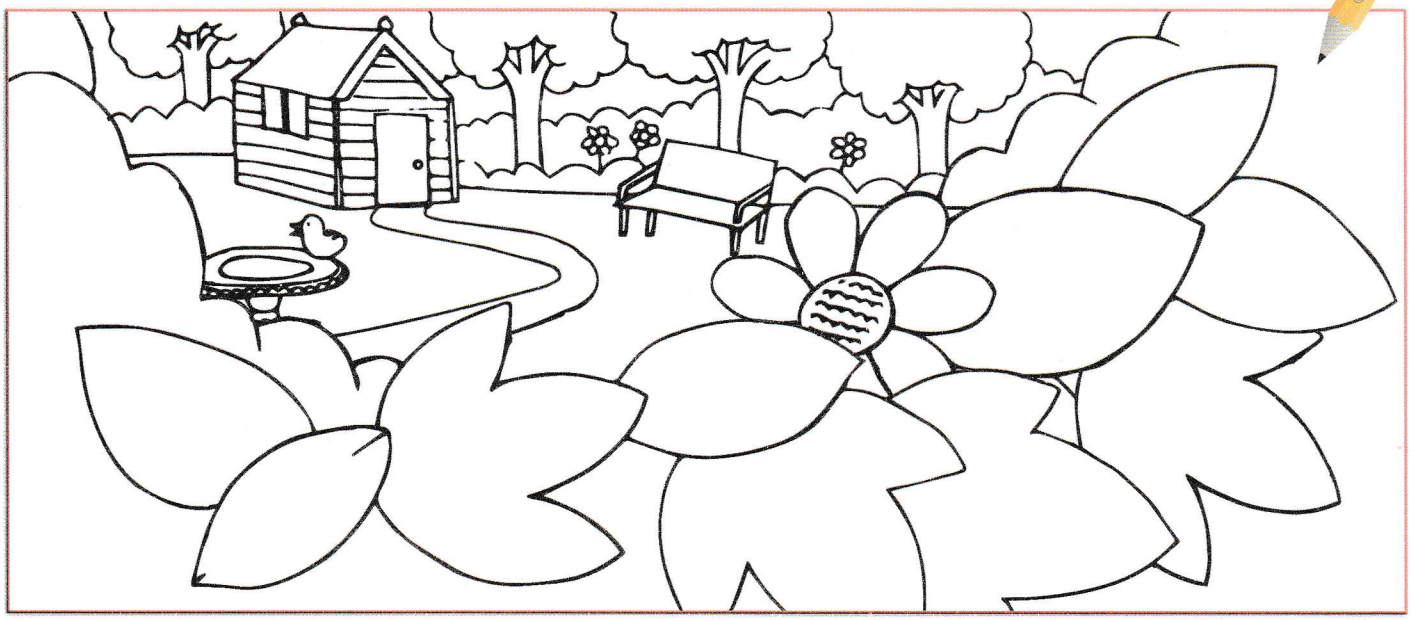
6. What did you learn about ladybirds? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

(a) Ladybirds are good for plants. ☐ (d) All ladybirds have spots. ☐

(b) Ladybirds eat greenfly. ☐ (e) Ladybirds look a bit like beetles. ☐

(c) Ladybirds are safe from birds. ☐ (f) Greenfly do not like ladybirds. ☐

7. Draw your own ladybirds in this garden. You can use any colours you like!