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Making a Stink

A stink bug is a kind of **insect**.

It gets its name from the stinky liquid it makes in its body.

When a stink bug is scared, it sprays the liquid—and it smells awful!

Some people
call stink bugs the
skunks of the insect
world.




A Skeleton on the Outside

Like all insects, a stink bug has six legs and two antennae.

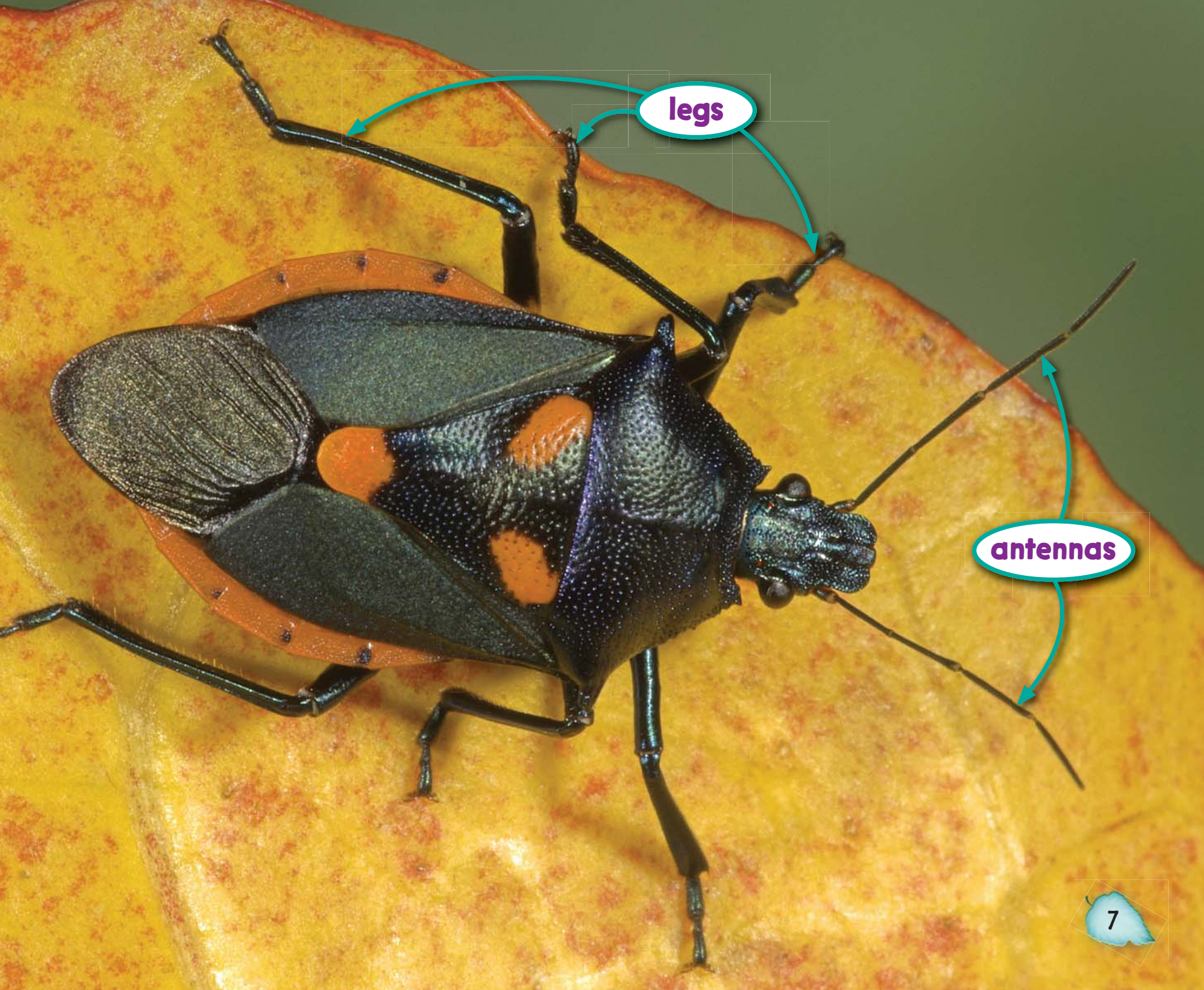
It also has a hard covering called an exoskeleton.

This kind of skeleton is on the outside of an insect's body.

The exoskeleton protects the soft parts of the stink bug's body.



Many kinds of animals use their noses to smell things. Stink bugs don't have noses. They use their antennae for smelling.



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How did stink bugs get their name? They got it from the smelly liquid that they spray to keep enemies away.

Look inside to discover more fascinating facts about these smelly creatures.

Beautiful Butterflies

Bloodthirsty Mosquitoes

Deadly Praying Mantises

Helpful Ladybugs

Hidden Walkingsticks

Hungry Cockroaches

Killer Bees

Leaping Grasshoppers

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