



Stag Beetle

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Readers

Tips for Reading Success

Before Reading

Take a “picture walk” with the reader by looking at the photos to:

- Activate the reader’s prior knowledge about the animal.
- Predict what may be learned in the book.

Introduce the reader to specific non-fiction text features:

- Locate the table of contents, photo labels, and the index.
- Briefly discuss the glossary and identify the bolded vocabulary words.

During Reading

Encourage the reader to track the words with a finger or fun pointer while reading or listening to someone else read.

When the reader encounters unknown words, ask:

- Does what you are reading make sense? Does it make sense with the picture?
 - Does what you are reading sound right? Is that how you would say it?
- Does what you are saying look right? Do your sounds match with the letters?

After Reading

Encourage the reader to:

- Find their favorite picture and describe what is happening.
- Remember three facts they learned about the animal in the book.
 - Write down their three favorite facts.

**Above all, enjoy the time spent with this book
and make reading fun!**



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It is fall in the park.



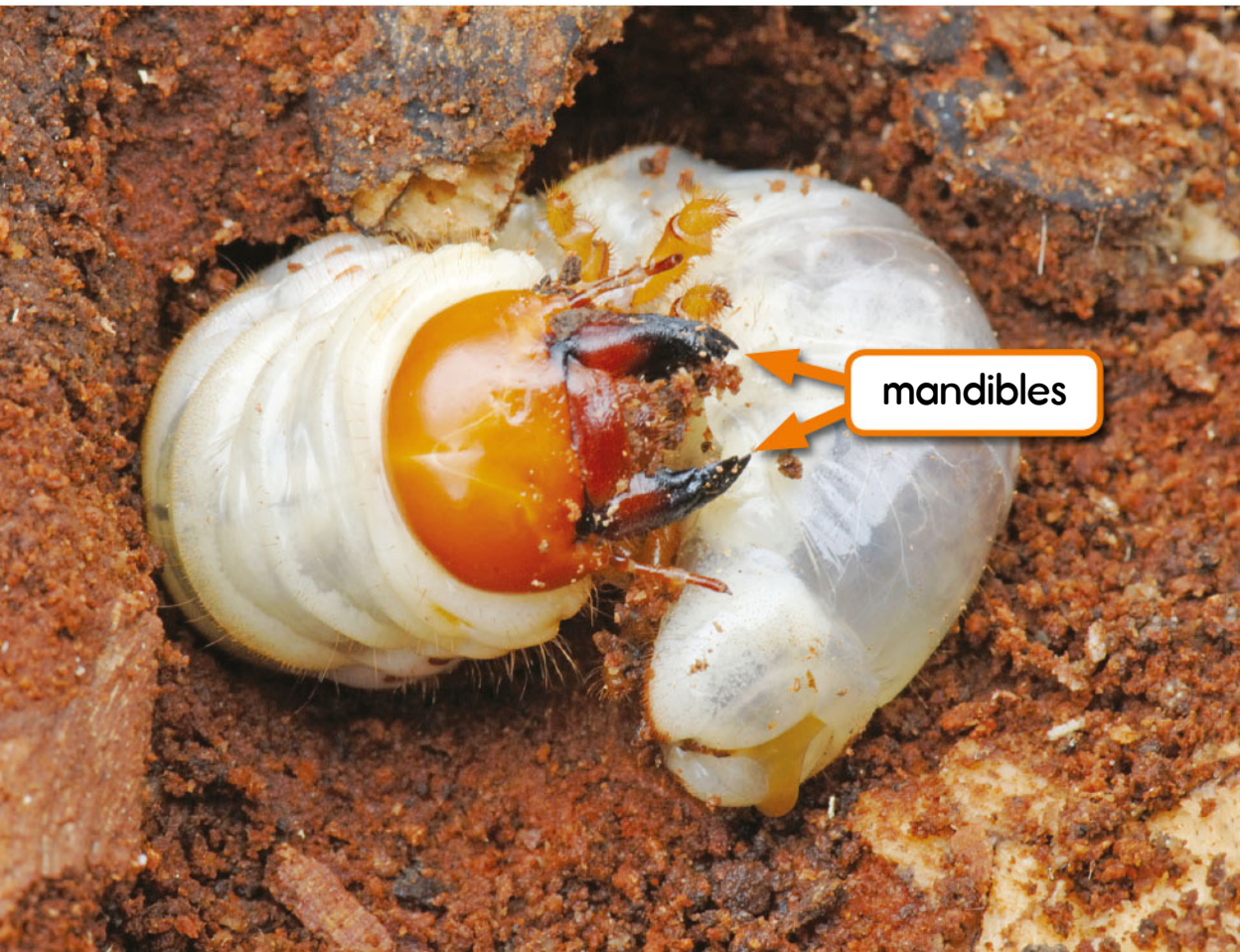
A tiny animal called a **larva** is eating wood inside an old tree.

One day, the larva will become an adult stag beetle.



A stag beetle is an **insect**.

The larva bites and chews wood with its **mandibles**.



Then it wriggles into the soil under the tree.

The larva lives under the tree
for five years.



It eats wood and gets bigger
and bigger.