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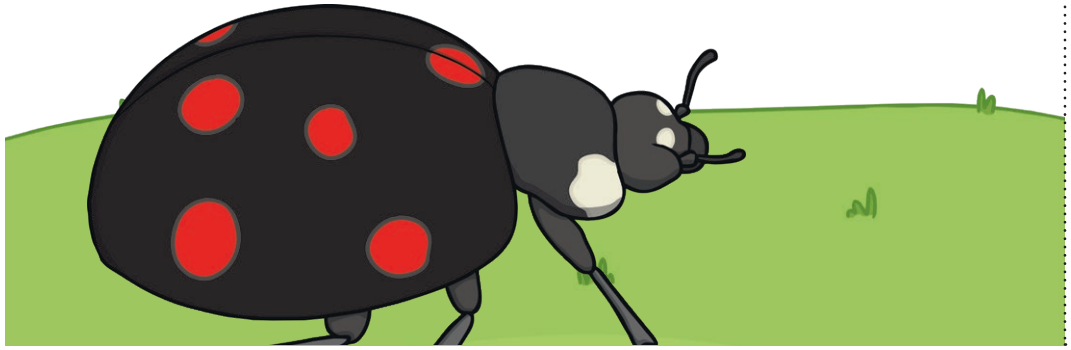
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"Doris!" Mum shouted through the leaves.

It was then that Ling saw something she had never seen before: a bright orange ladybird with twelve cream spots.



Quick Questions



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☐	red	☐	sad



3. How do you think Ling felt when she saw Doris? Explain your answer.

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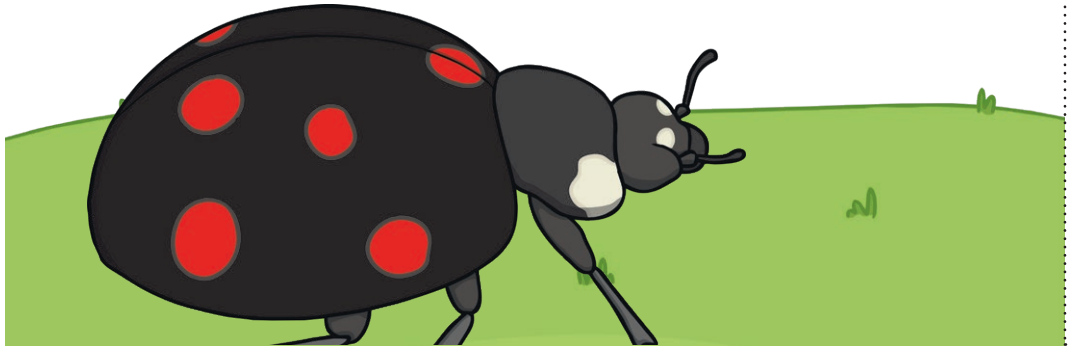
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Answers



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Accept answers which infer any reasonable emotion, provided that an explanation is provided, such as: I think that Ling felt relieved that she is not the only ladybird who looks different.



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