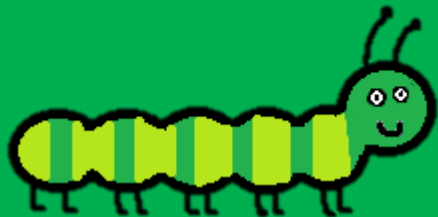
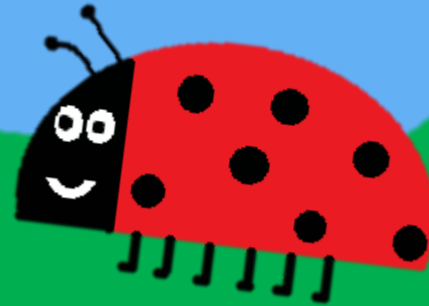




PEEKABEE

By Albion



This book is designed for young children and all those who want to introduce French to children in a friendly and informal way.

We feel the name sums up this book: like its readers, 'Peekabee' is on a journey to find Miss Lady Bird's spots. We hope this adventure will inspire a love of languages in readers of all ages. French words are shown in **red** and a glossary is included at the back of the book.



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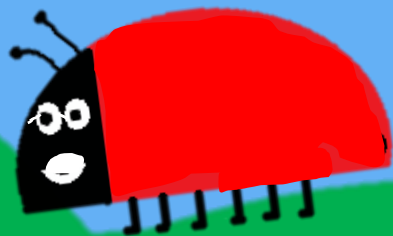
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Say *bonjour* to Miss Lady Bird,

Normally covered in dots!

She has a bit of a problem,

Ça alors! She has lost her spots!

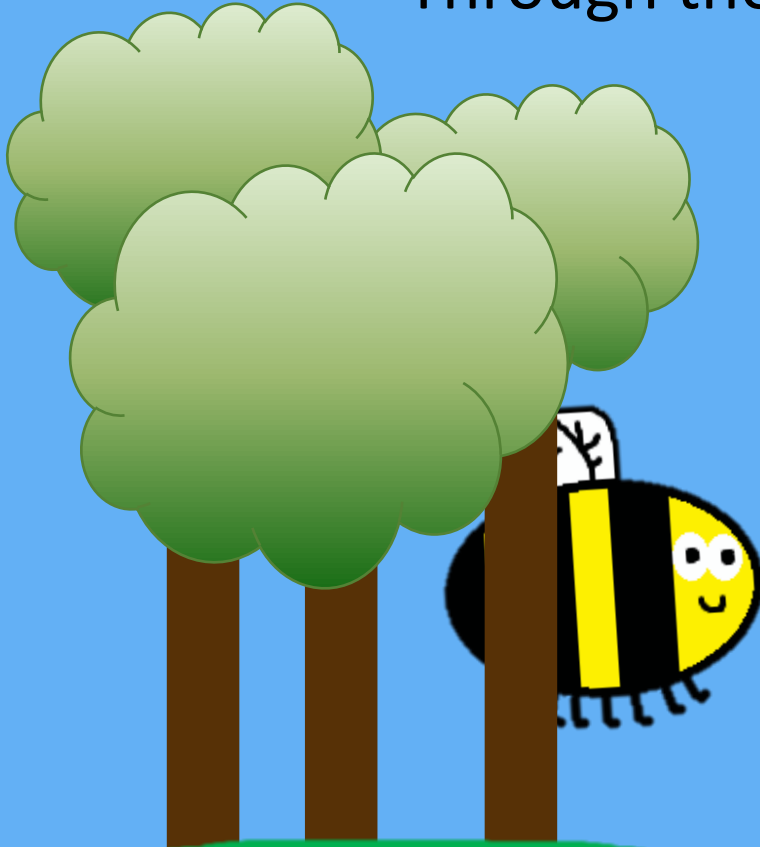


She searched and she searched,

Through the *arbres* so tall,

When all of a sudden, peekabee!

Une abeille began to call!

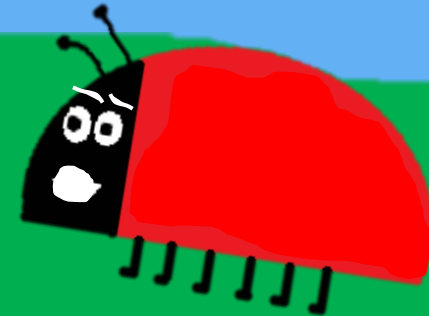
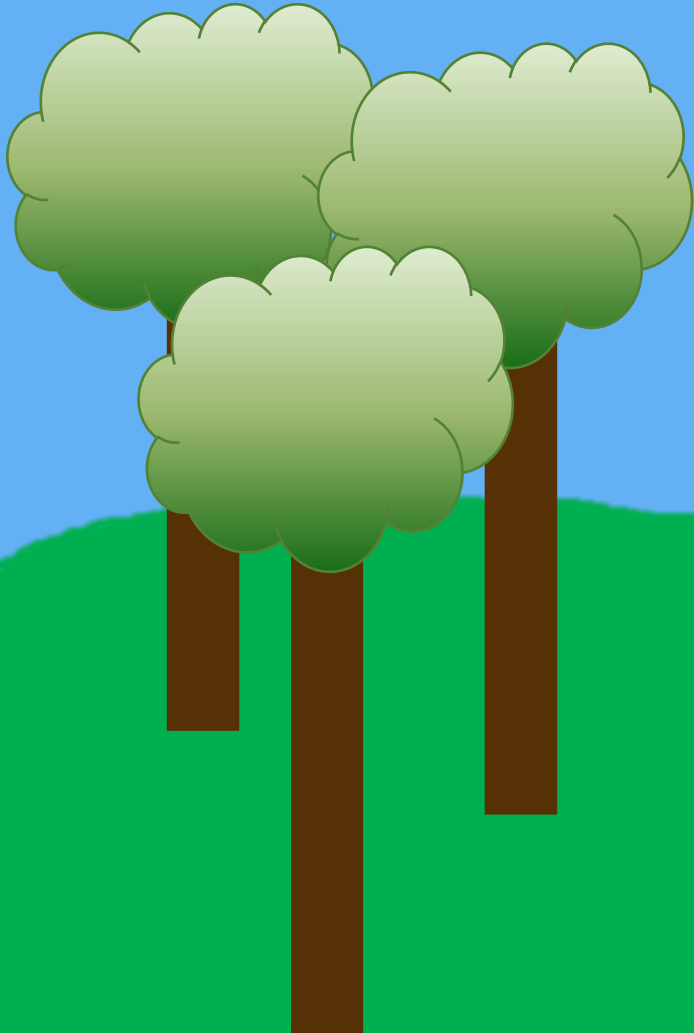


Bonjour, my name is ***Madame Abeille***!

I see you have a ***problème***!

Where are all of your friends?

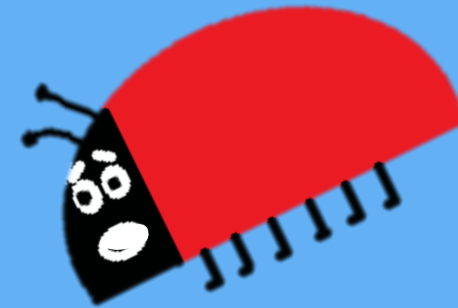
Maybe we can ask them?"



So off they flew together,
Through the sky so *bleu*,

And met a butterfly who asked

“Comment allez-vous?”



“Mademoiselle Papillon!

Ma belle amie,

I have lost all of my spots!

Please can you help me?”



“Oui Miss Lady Bird!

I was hoping you would come by,

I have been keeping your spot quite safe,

lci by my side!”





“Merci Mademoiselle Papillon!”

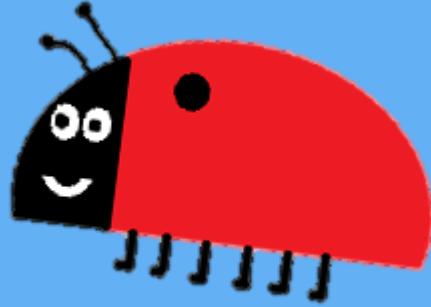
You have been so kind.



Now we must fly away,

We have more spots to find!”





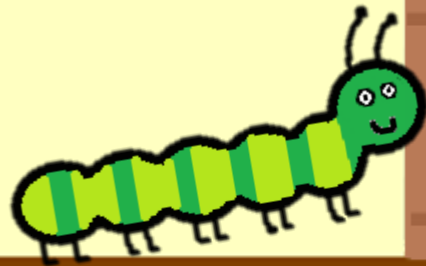
So together they flew over the hill,

And they met ***Madame Chenille***

Sat on a window sill!



She was long,
furry and *vert*!



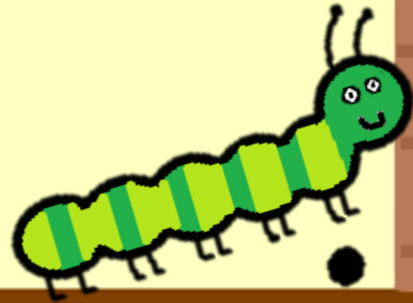
She smiled and waved,
As they flew through the air.



“Salut

Miss Lady Bird!

I have found
something black!”



“That is one of my

taches

Madame Chenille,

Please put it on my back!”

“Who else can we go and see?”

Madame Abeille asked with a smile.

“How about *Monsieur Escargot*?”



I have not seen him for a while!”



Monsieur Escargot was a handsome snail,



With a shell that was bright and *jaune*!

He was out in the sun laying a trail,

On the freshly cut lawn.



They came down beside him



And tapped on his shell,



His *tête* popped out

They heard his voice yell.



"Bonjour mes amis!"



He said, as he came into view.



"I found a spot in the grass,

Does it belong to you?"



“Génial! Merci!”



You are so very kind!



It is true,

That spot is actually mine!”



“Miss Lady Bird, I must tell you,
Some news that is good.



Une Araignée has some spots

And she lives in the wood!”

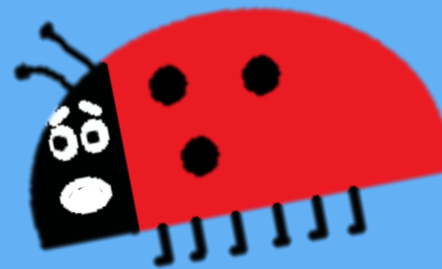


“Oh *Madame Abeille*!

I know exactly who you mean!

But she is *méchante* and *effrayante*,

and would not help me.”

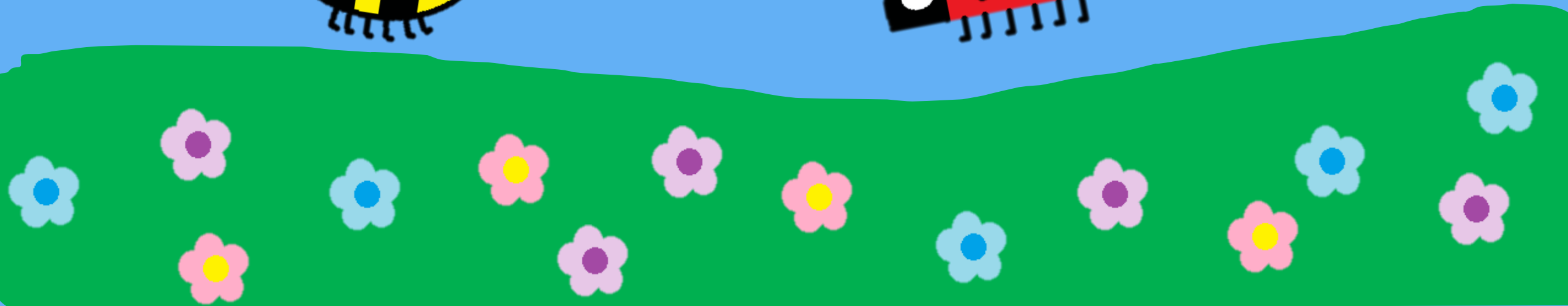
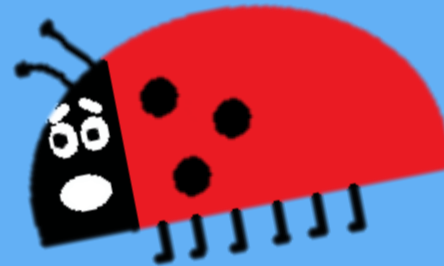


“Well Miss Lady Bird,

I think that is *faux*!

But unless you go ask her,

You will never know!”



So they flew deep into the woods
away from the *lumière*

“That is where she lives!”

Right over
there!”



“Who is there?” called a voice,
So *ronchon* and *triste*.

And out from the shadows
Came an eight-legged beast!



“Ah, Miss Lady Bird,
Do not fear,



I have a collection of spots
Regarde!
They are hidden over here!”



Miss Lady Bird gasped,
Her lost spots were all there,
She jumped with *bonheur*



as she flew into
the air.



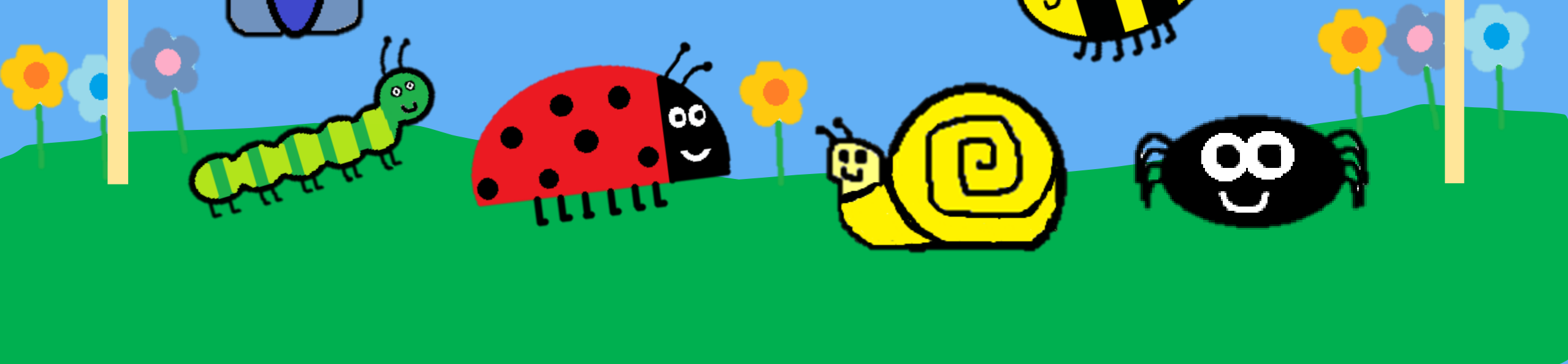
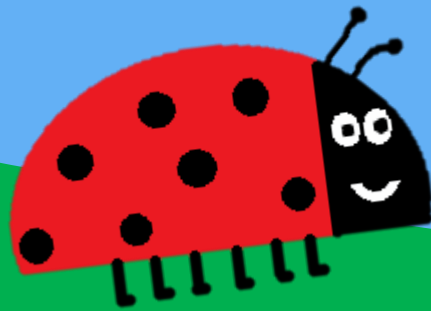
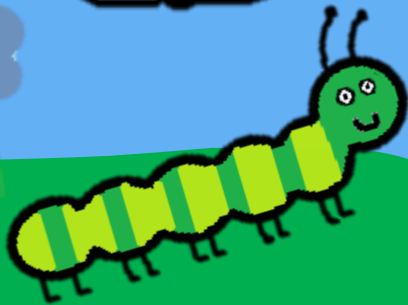
So now Miss Lady Bird had all her spots

And she was full of joy!



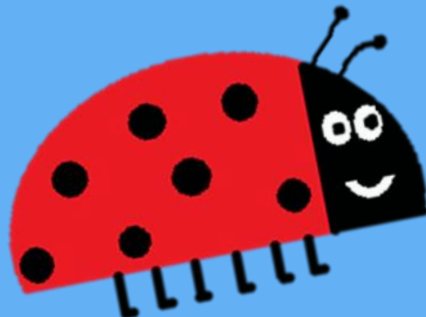
So she arranged a special *fête*

For all her *amis* to enjoy!



Glossary of French terms used in order of appearance

- **Bonjour:** hello
- **Ça alors:** now
- **Arbres:** trees
- **Une Abeille:** a bee
- **Madame:** Mrs
- **Problème:** problem
- **Bleu:** Blue
- **Comment allez vous?:** how are you?
- **Mademoiselle:** Miss
- **Une Papillon:** a butterfly
- **Ma belle amie:** my beautiful friend
- **Oui:** yes
- **Ici:** here
- **Merci:** thank you
- **Une Chenille:** a caterpillar
- **Monsieur:** Mr
- **Vert:** green
- **Salut:** hello



- Taches:** spots
- Un Escargot:** a snail
- Jaune:** yellow
- Tête:** head
- Mes amies:** my friends
- Génial:** kind
- Une Araignée:** a spider
- Méchante:** wicked
- Effrayante:** scary
- Faux:** false
- Lumière:** light
- Ronchon:** grumpy
- Triste:** sad
- Regarde:** look
- Bonheur:** happiness
- Fête:** party
- Amis:** friends



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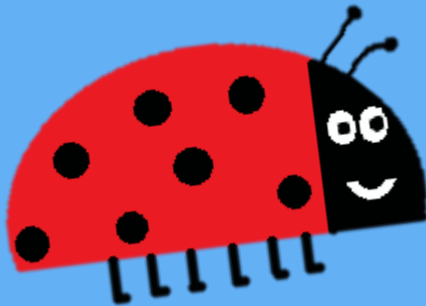
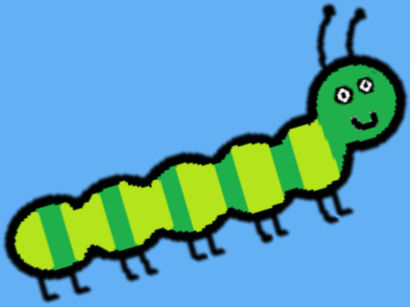
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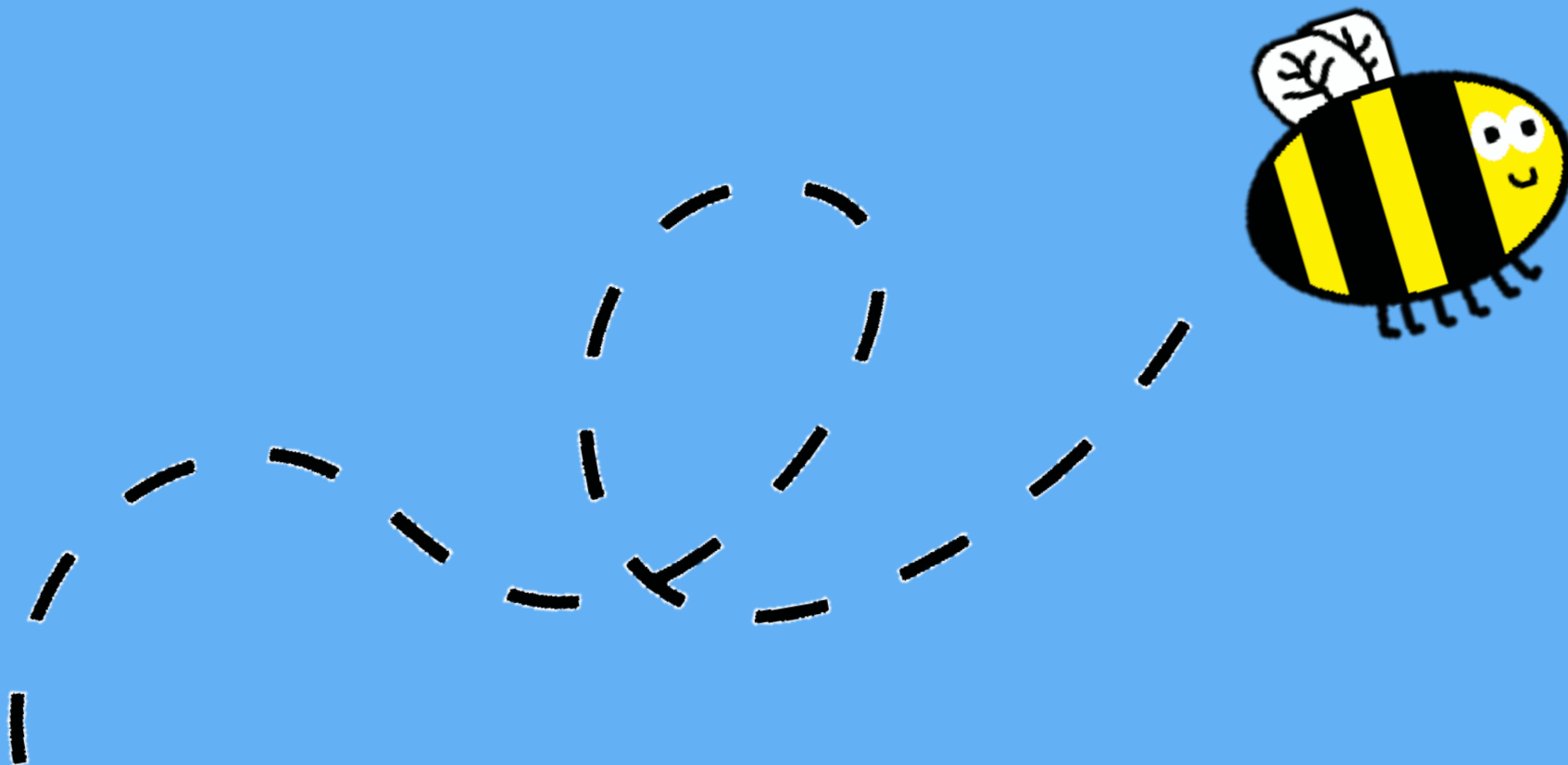
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