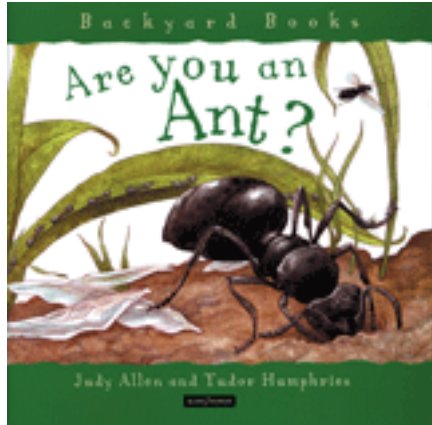


## A Teacher's Guide



### Are You an Ant?

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### Looking and Learning

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1. Create an alphabet list of backyard creatures, beginning with "A is for Ant." Make a backyard alphabet scrapbook, with a letter, name, and picture on each page.
2. How many different kinds of ants, bees, caterpillars, butterflies, and spiders can you find in your neighborhood? Be careful. Many bees sting, and some ants and spiders can bite.
3. Find a butterfly chrysalis and bring it (and the stem or branch that holds it) into your house or classroom. Watch it every day and watch the butterfly emerge.
4. Look for dragonflies in your neighborhood. What do they look like when they are flying? What colors are they?
5. Catch a grasshopper and hold it loosely in both hands cupped together. What does it feel like? Put it in a large jar with lots of grass and holes punched in the lid. What does the grasshopper do? After a day or two, let the grasshopper go free in your backyard.
6. Watch for and make a list of other creatures that you can find near your home. How are these creatures similar to or different from the creatures in these books?
7. Ladybugs are easy to catch. Let one crawl on your hand and fingers. What does it feel like? What does it look like close up?
8. Follow a snail's slime trail and see if you can find the snail hiding under a board, a leaf, or other protection. Does the snail have a shell? If it doesn't have a shell, what do you call it?



