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Eligible Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills STAAR Grade 8 Science

Reporting Category 1: Matter and Energy

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the properties of matter and energy and their interactions.

(8.5)	Matter and energy. The student knows that matter is composed of atoms and has chemical and physical properties. The student is expected to			
	(A)	electrical charges, and loca in the nucleus and electron <i>Readiness Standard</i>	toms, including the masses, ations, of protons and neutrons is in the electron cloud; Building an Atom	
	(B)	including reactivity; Readi	rmine its chemical properties,	
	(C)	groups and periods, to exp to classify elements; Read	of the Periodic Table, including lain how properties are used liness Standard What a Nice Arrangement!	
	(D)	element in chemical formul <i>Readiness Standard</i>	the number of atoms of each	
	(E)	that new substances with formed; and <i>Readiness Sta</i>	· ·	

(F)	recognize whether a chemical equation containing
	coefficients is balanced or not and how that relates to
	the law of conservation of mass. Supporting Standard
	A Balancing Act
	Assessment

(7.5)		t er and energy. The student knows that interactions ur between matter and energy. The student is expected to	
	(C)	diagram the flow of energy through living systems,including food chains, food webs, and energy pyramids.Supporting StandardLiving Energy	
(7.6)	Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has physical and chemical properties and can undergo physical and chemical changes. The student is expected to		
	(A)	identify that organic compounds contain carbon and other elements such as hydrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur; and <i>Supporting Standard</i> Is It Organic?	
	(B)	distinguish between physical and chemical changes in matter in the digestive system. <i>Supporting Standard</i> Break It Down!	
<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>)</u>		

(6.5) **Matter and energy.** The student knows the differences between elements and compounds. The student is expected to

(C)	differentiate between elements and compounds on the
	most basic level. Supporting Standard
	Element or Compound?
	Assessment

(6.6) **Matter and energy.** The student knows matter has physical properties that can be used for classification. The student is expected to

(A)	compare metals, nonmetals, and metalloids using physical properties such as luster, conductivity, or malleability; and <i>Supporting Standard</i>
	All That Glitters Is Not Gold106Assessment113
(B)	calculate density to identify an unknown substance.

Supporting Standard	Density Matters	115
	Assessment	121

Reporting Category 2: Force, Motion, and Energy

The student will demonstrate an understanding of force, motion, and energy and their relationships.

(8.6)	Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that there is a relationship between force, motion, and energy. The student is expected to			
	(A)	demonstrate and calculat change the speed or direc <i>Readiness Standard</i>	e how unbalanced forces ction of an object's motion; Which Way? How Fast?	
	(B)	differentiate between spe <i>Supporting Standard</i>	eed, velocity, and acceleration; and Motion Bingo	
	(C)	of inertia, law of force an action-reaction such as in activities, amusement pa	applications of Newton's law ad acceleration, and law of a vehicle restraints, sports rk rides, Earth's tectonic aches. <i>Readiness Standard</i> Law and Order	

(7.7)	Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that there
	is a relationship among force, motion, and energy. The
	student is expected to

(6.8)	Force, motion, and energy. The student knows force and
	motion are related to potential and kinetic energy. The student
	is expected to

(A)	compare and contrast potential and kinetic energy;		
	Supporting Standard	Stored Energy, Moving Energy	166
		Assessment	175

(C)	C) calculate average speed using distance and time	
	measurements; and Su	pporting Standard
		Speeding Car 178
		Assessment 184
(D)	measure and graph cha	nges in motion.
	Supporting Standard	Measurable Change
		Assessment

- (6.9) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that the Law of Conservation of Energy states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, it just changes form. The student is expected to

Reporting Category 3: Earth and Space

The student will demonstrate an understanding of components, cycles, patterns, and natural events of Earth and space systems.

(8.7)	Earth and space. The student knows the effects resulting from cyclical movements of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. The student is expected to		
	(A)	model and illustrate how the tilted Earth rotates on its axis, causing day and night, and revolves around the Sun causing changes in seasons; <i>Readiness Standard</i> Days into Nights	
	(B)	demonstrate and predict the sequence of events in the lunar cycle; and <i>Readiness Standard</i> Making "Phases" at the Moon 217 Assessment 224	
	(C)	relate the position of the Moon and Sun to their effect on ocean tides. <i>Supporting Standard</i> Keeping Earth "Tide-y"	
(8.8)	Earth and space. The student knows characteristics of the universe. The student is expected to		
	(A)	describe components of the universe, including stars, nebulae, and galaxies, and use models such as the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram for classification;Readiness StandardUniverse RummyAssessment238	
	(B)	recognize that the Sun is a medium-sized star near the edge of a disc-shaped galaxy of stars and that the Sun is many thousands of times closer to Earth than any other star; <i>Supporting Standard</i> Sunny-Side Up	

	(C)	explore how different wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum such as light and radio waves are used to gain information about distances and properties of components in the universe; and <i>Supporting Standard</i> The Spectrum of the Universe 259 Assessment
	(D)	model and describe how light years are used to measure distances and sizes in the universe. <i>Supporting Standard</i> How Far to That Star?
(8.9)		h and space. The student knows that natural events impact Earth systems. The student is expected to
	(A)	describe the historical development of evidence that supports plate tectonic theory; <i>Supporting Standard</i> Plate Tectonics Time Line
	(B)	relate plate tectonics to the formation of crustal
		features; and <i>Readiness Standard</i> Leaving Crusts on the Plate 284 Assessment
	(C)	interpret topographic maps and satellite views to identify land and erosional features and predict how these features may be reshaped by weathering. <i>Readiness Standard</i> View from Above
(8.10)	exis	h and space. The student knows that climatic interactions t among Earth, ocean, and weather systems. The student spected to
	(A)	recognize that the sun provides the energy that drives convection within the atmosphere and oceans, producing winds and ocean currents; <i>Supporting Standard</i> Movement from the Sun
	(B)	identify how global patterns of atmospheric movement influence local weather using weather maps that show high and low pressures and fronts; and <i>Supporting Standard</i> Under Pressure

(C)	identify the role of the oceans in the formation of weather
	systems such as hurricanes. Supporting Standard
	The Oceans' Influence
	Assessment

(7.8) **Earth and space.** The student knows that natural events and human activity can impact Earth systems. The student is expected to

(C)	model the effects of human activity on groundwater and
	surface water in a watershed. Supporting Standard
	Watershed Dynamics
	Assessment

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(6.11) **Earth and space.** The student understands the organization of our solar system and the relationships among the various bodies that comprise it. The student is expected to

(B)	understand that gravity is the force that governs the
	motion of our solar system. Supporting Standard
	Solar System In Motion
	Assessment

Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the structures and functions of living organisms and their interdependence on each other and on their environment.

- (8.11) **Organisms and environments.** The student knows that interdependence occurs among living systems and the environment and that human activities can affect these systems. The student is expected to

	(B)	investigate how organisms and populations in an ecosystem depend on and may compete for biotic and abiotic factors such as quantity of light, water, range of temperature or soil composition; <i>Readiness Standard</i> Ecosystem Population Feud	
	(C)	•	ng-term environmental changes s in subsequent populations; and Changing Populations
	(D)	explain how human activit	nce on ocean systems and ties such as runoff, artificial have modified these systems. Depending on the Oceans
Grade 7	<u> </u>		
(7.10)	ther	anisms and environments. e is a relationship between ronment. The student is e	organisms and the
	(B)	describe how biodiversity of an ecosystem; and Su	contributes to the sustainability oporting Standard Strength through Biodiversity
	(C)		icrohabitat of a garden with
(7.11)	popu of th	-	nstrate variation and inherit many radual processes over many
	(A)	-	ir structures such as insects mous keys for identification; and Your ID, Please

	(C)	identify some changes in occurred over several gen selection and selective br Galapagos Medium Groun domestic animals. Suppo	erations through natural eeding such as the d Finch (<i>Geospiza fortis</i>) or
(7.12)	livin com	- /	The student knows that organization demonstrate the sture and function. The student
	(B)	organism, including the ci muscular, digestive, excre	s of the systems of the human rculatory, respiratory, skeletal, etory, reproductive, integumentary, ystems; <i>Supporting Standard</i> Multi-Tasking Systems Bingo
	(D)	and animal cell organelles	icture and function in plant , including cell membrane, ism, mitochondrion, chloroplast, <i>ting Standard</i> Cellular Coverage
	(F)		
(7.14)	repr the		The student knows that of living organisms and that overned in the genetic material.
	(B)	compare the results of un from sexual reproduction <i>Supporting Standard</i>	iform or diverse offspring or asexual reproduction; and Offspring Resemblance

(C)	recognize that inherited traits of individuals are governed
	in the genetic material found in the genes within
	chromosomes in the nucleus. Supporting Standard
	Control Center
	Assessment

- (6.12) Organisms and environments. The student knows all organisms are classified into Domains and Kingdoms. Organisms within these taxonomic groups share similar characteristics which allow them to interact with the living and nonliving parts of their ecosystem. The student is expected to

Scientific Investigation and Reasoning Skills

These skills will not be listed under a separate reporting category. Instead, they will be incorporated into at least 40% of the test questions in reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with content standards.

(8.1) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The state 40% of instructional time, will conduct labora field investigations following safety procedure appropriate and ethical practices. The student of the student state and ethical practices. The student state and ethical practices.		% of instructional time, will d investigations following s	conduct laboratory and afety procedures and environmentally
	(A)	demonstrate safe practice field investigations as out Standards; and	c ,
	(B)	practice appropriate use a including disposal, reuse,	and conservation of resources, or recycling of materials. Resource Manager

(8.2)	scie	entific investigation and reasoning. The student uses entific inquiry methods during laboratory and field estigations. The student is expected to
	(A)	plan and implement comparative and descriptive investigations by making observations, asking well-defined questions, and using appropriate equipment and technology; Footprints to Discovery
	(B)	design and implement comparative and experimental investigations by making observations, asking well-defined questions, formulating testable hypotheses, and using appropriate equipment and technology; Investigating Craters from Crashes 517 Assessment
	(C)	collect and record data using the International System of Units (SI) and qualitative means such as labeled drawings, writing, and graphic organizers; Recording Studio
	(D)	construct tables and graphs, using repeated trials and means, to organize data and identify patterns; and Data Organization Station
	(E)	analyze data to formulate reasonable explanations, communicate valid conclusions supported by the data, and predict trends.Don't Jump to Conclusions!545Assessment553
(8.3)	criti mal	entific investigation and reasoning. The student uses ical thinking, scientific reasoning, and problem solving to ke informed decisions and know the contributions of vant scientists. The student is expected to
	(A)	in all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student; Thinking Critically

	(B)	use models to represent aspects of the natural world such as an atom, a molecule, space, or a geologic feature; Natural World Models
	(C)	identify advantages and limitations of models such as size, scale, properties, and materials; and Model Imperfections
	(D)	relate the impact of research on scientific thought and society, including the history of science and contributions of scientists as related to the content. Science Baseball
(8.4)	to u	ntific investigation and reasoning. The student knows how se a variety of tools and safety equipment to conduct nce inquiry. The student is expected to
	(A)	use appropriate tools to collect, record, and analyze information, including lab journals/notebooks, beakers, meter sticks, graduated cylinders, anemometers, psychrometers, hot plates, test tubes, spring scales, balances, microscopes, thermometers, calculators, computers, spectroscopes, timing devices, and other equipment as needed to teach the curriculum; and Inquiring Tools
	(B)	use preventative safety equipment, including chemical splash goggles, aprons, and gloves, and be prepared to use emergency safety equipment, including an eye/face wash, a fire blanket, and a fire extinguisher. Team Safety
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Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments TEKS 7.11A

Examine organisms or their structures such as insects or leaves and use dichotomous keys for identification.

ACTIVITY Your ID, Please

Materials

For class demonstration: Animal Dichotomous Key example stuffed toy bear

For each group of students:

Your ID, Please game board (one of two available game boards) Set of *Your ID, Please* game cards corresponding to the distributed game board Dice

Background

Identifying an organism can be difficult if the identity must be determined from a multitude of choices. People can rely upon their memory to identify an organism, or they can eliminate incorrect choices methodically by using a dichotomus key. The word "dichotomous" means "to divide into two parts." A dichotomous key is a tool for identifying something by progressing through a series of pairs of choices. Each choice within a pair leads a user to another pair of choices until the determination of the organism's identity can be selected from the final pair of choices.

Your ID, Please is a game which teaches students how to use a dichotomous key for identifying organisms. In this game, students will make visual observations of an organism's structure and select from a pair of choices in a dichotomous key for identification of the organism. Although the identity of some of the organisms may be obvious, students should play the game more than once to practice using the dichotomous key. Groups of students may also exchange their game board and game cards with other groups of students to incorporate more organisms into their activity.

Procedure

To begin the activity, display the animal dichotomous key example on a whiteboard or an overhead projector. Explain a dichotomous key to students using the background information. Inform students that as a class, they will use the simple dichotomous key in a demonstration to help them identify a toy stuffed animal. Lead the students through the choices in the dichotomous key until they have correctly identified the stuffed animal as a bear. Divide students into groups of three or four. Distribute one of the two different *Your ID, Please* game boards, its corresponding game cards, and a die to each group. Review the rules of the game with the students as follows:

- 1 One player shuffles the game cards and deals one card to each player, including himself/herself. Players turn over their cards and study them.
- 2 Players take turns rolling the die. The player who rolls the highest number plays first.
- 3 The first player rolls the die. The player must roll the number "1" in order to select from the first pair of choices on the dichotomous key. If the player rolls the number "1," the player selects from the first pair of choices on the dichotomous key which best matches the drawing shown on his or her card. The selected choice will indicate the next pair of choices to progress to on the player's next turn. If the player does not roll the number "1," the player's turn is over.
- 4 The next player rolls the die. Like the first player, the second and each subsequent player must first roll a "1" to select from the first pair of choices on the dichotomous key. It is possible for a player to pass several turns before (s)he rolls a "1" and gets to make a selection on the dichotomous key.
- 5 Each time a player has a turn, the player must roll the number that corresponds to the next pair the player must select. For example, after a player chooses from the first pair, (s)he must roll the number "2" before proceeding to the second pair of choices, and so forth.
- 6 Players continue rolling the die and making choices until a player reaches the end of the dichotomous key and successfully identifies the organism shown on his or her card. Players may check the answer key to verify the identify of their organisms.

After all groups have completed a game, encourage groups to exchange game boards so that students have the opportunity to practice using the dichotomous key on different types of organisms.

Animal Dichotomous	Key	Example
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1	a. skin is covered with fur or hair	Go to 2
	b. skin is covered with scales	Go to 3
2	a. ears are rounded	Go to 4
	b. ears are long	rabbit
3	a. animal has four legs and a tail	lizard
	b. animal has no legs	snake
4	a. tail is obvious	Go to 5
	b. tail is short or does not exist	Go to 6
5	a. tail is bushy	squirrel
	b. tail is long and thin	rat
6	a. legs are short and small	guinea pig
	b. legs are thick and stocky	bear

1	a. body protected by outer shell	turtle
	b. body not protected by outer shell	Go to 2
2	a. skin covered with yellow feathers	canary
	b. skin covered with fur or hair	Go to 3
3	a. has four legs	Go to 4
	b. has two legs	human
4	a. animal does not have any horns	Go to 5
	b. animal has one or more horns	Go to 6
5	a. fur color is uniform	Go to 9
	b. fur color has different markings	Go to 8
6	a. single horn on nose	rhinoceros
	b. two horns on head	Go to 7
7	a. horns are long with no branches	gazelle
	b. horns are branched	deer
8	a. eyes are surrounded by mask-like fur coloring	raccoon
	b. fur is black with solid white stripe down back	skunk
9	a. fur is white	polar bear

Your ID, Please Game Board 1

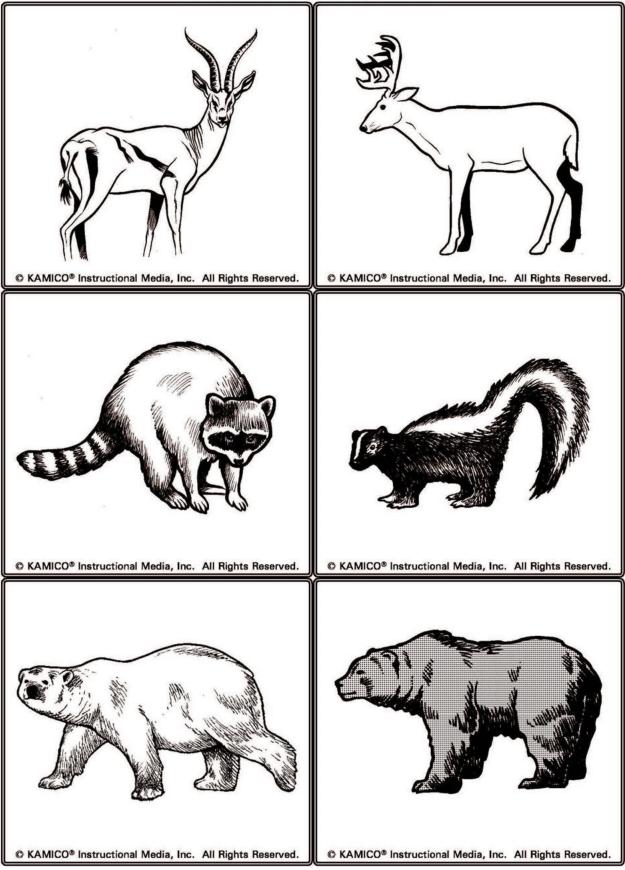
grizzly bear

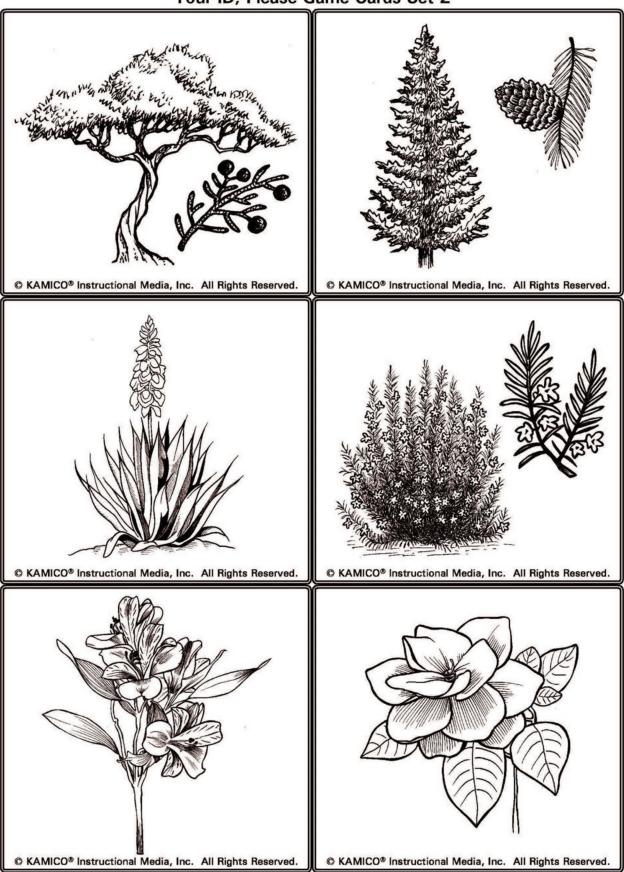
b. fur is dark

Your ID, Please Game Board 2

1	a. plant grows in and on top of water	water lily
	b. plant grows on land	Go to 2
2	a. plant spreads out low and covers ground	grass
	b. plant grows upward	Go to 3
3	a. leaves are thin or needle-like	Go to 4
	b. leaves are broad and flat	Go to 5
4	a. leaves are connected to a fleshy stem	cactus
	b. leaves are connected to woody branches	Go to 6
5	a. leaves are single lobed	Go to 9
	b. leaves are multiple lobed	ragweed
6	a. plant is a tree	Go to 7
	b. plant is a bush or shrub	Go to 8
7	a. branches bear small, round berries	juniper
	b. branches bear cones	fir
8	a. flowers bloom from a tall central stalk	уисса
	b. multiple small flowers bloom from many branches	rosemary
9	a. leaf edges are serrated (jagged)	rose
	b. leaf edges are smooth	Go to 10
10	a. flower petals open wide to expose long stamen	alstroemeria
	b. flower petals overlap and protect stamen	gardenia

Your ID, Please Game Cards Set 1





Your ID, Please Game Cards Set 2

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Your ID, Please Answer Key

Game Card Set 1:

- 1a gazelle
- 1b deer
- 1c raccoon
- 1d skunk
- 1e polar bear
- 1f grizzly bear

Game Card Set 2:

- 2a juniper
- 2b fir
- 2c yucca
- 2d rosemary
- 2e alstroemeria
- 2f gardenia

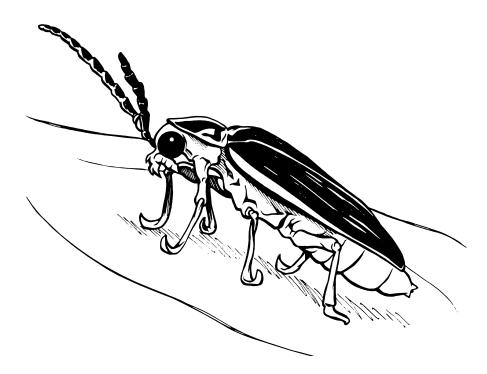
Examine organisms or their structures such as insects or leaves and use dichotomus keys for identification.

- 1 A plant scientist, called a botanist, has discovered an unusual plant growing in the middle of his antique rose garden. He photographs the plant so that he can try to identify it when he returns to his office. Which of the following features is **least** likely to be helpful in identifying the plant from a dichotomus key?
 - **A** the shape of the plant's leaves
 - **B** the number of flowers growing on the plant
 - **C** the color of the plant's flowers
 - **D** the smoothness of the stems
- 2 Fiona is using a dichotomus key to identify an organism, which her teacher knows is a chameleon. Based on her initial observations of the organism, she has determined that it is a type of reptile. Which of the following pairs of choices would help determine that the organism is a chameleon and not a gecko?
 - **A** a. The organism changes its color when placed in a different environment.
 - b. The organism's color remains the same when placed in a different environment.
 - **B** a. The organism's tail continues to move when it is detached from the body.
 - b. The organism's tail does not move when it is detached from the body.
 - **C** a. The organism's skin is covered with scales.
 - b. The organism's skin is covered with fur.
 - **D** a. The organism has a long, thin tongue.
 - b. The organism has a short, thick tongue.

1	a. lives on water	water spider
	b. lives on land	Go to 2
2	a. wings are large and broad	butterfly
	b. wings are elongated or small	Go to 3
3	a. organism has more than six legs	Go to 5
	b. organism has six legs	Go to 4
4	a. walks on back 4 legs	praying mantis
	b. walks on all 6 legs	Go to 6
5	a. main body part(s) spherically shaped	Go to 7
	b. main body part(s) not spherically shaped	Go to 8
6	a. appears spotted	Go to 9
	b. does not appear spotted	Go to 10
7	a. main body is small with long, thin legs attached	daddy long legs
	b. main body is large with hairy legs attached	tarantula
8	a. body has many segments with many pairs of legs	centipede
	b. front legs have claws and curved tail has stinger	scorpion
9	a. spots are present on the body	ladybug
	b. body is shaped like a shield	stink bug
10	a. wings do not cover full length of body when closed	firefly
	b. wings cover full length of body when closed	June bug

Use the following dichotomus key to answer questions 3 and 4.

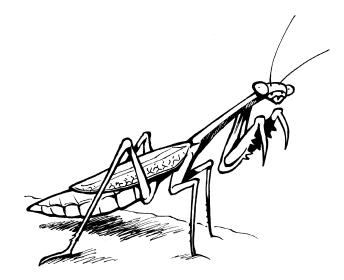
3 Leanna bends over a rosebud to smell its fragrance but jumps back in surprise when she finds a bug on one of the leaves. A drawing of the bug is shown.



Leanna uses a dichotomus key to determine the bug's identity. Based on the bug's physical features, Leanna correctly identifies the bug as a -

- **A** June bug.
- **B** stink bug.
- C ladybug.
- D firefly.

4 Camping in the wilderness can be fun as long as you follow safety precautions. One popular camping rule is to shake out your shoes before putting them on to remove any bugs which may be inside the shoes. A boy scout shakes out his shoes in his tent one morning and a bug falls out. The bug looks like the drawing.



Based on the dichotomous key, the bug in the shoe is most likely a -

- A daddy long legs.
- **B** tarantula.
- **C** praying mantis.
- **D** scorpion.