Ladybugs can also be called Lady Beetles or Ladybirds. The male ladybug is smaller than the female. Most are red, orange or yellow with black spots. The spots on the ladybug fade as it gets older. A ladybug beats its wings 85 times a second when it flies. Aphids are a ladybugs favorite food, so it makes them good for your garden. Birds like to eat ladybugs.

There are over 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs worldwide. A female ladybug will lay over 1,000 eggs in her lifetime. Ladybugs chew from side to side, not up and down like people do. Ladybugs can be found in grass, bushes, trees, fields, beaches and even in houses! They hibernate in winter.

**In some countries ladybugs are considered to be good luck!**

1. Another name for a ladybug is ______________________________
2. What do ladybugs like to eat? ________________________________
3. Describe how ladybugs eat. ________________________________
4. Name two places ladybugs might live. _____________________________
5. Why do you think ladybugs help us? _____________________________

**Color the black and white pictures.
** Highlight the “star” words in the writing.