Bug Alert

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Practice reading these sentences.

Tanya’s backpack unsnaps.
A big bug falls out of Tanya’s backpack.
Scott looks for the bug.
Derrick spots the bug.
Miss Stanton has a big glass tank for plants, insects, and animals in her class. One day, Tanya brings something unusual to put in the glass tank.

Tanya gets on the bus. 
She has a backpack. 
The backpack unsnaps. 
Books and a ball fall out! 
A BIG, BIG BUG falls out!
Tanya looks for the bug. The other children look too.

By now, all the children are standing and yelling. Mr. Cob stops the bus and comes to look.

The bus stops.
Mr. Cob stands up.
He says, “Kids, stop and sit!”
Tanya sobs, “But my bug! I cannot see it!”
Paco feels sorry that he scared away the bug.

Paco picks up Tanya’s backpack. He pats Tanya on the back. Tanya is sad.
Scott stands up.
He has a stick.
He says, "I can get the bug.
I can get it with my stick."
Scott pokes the stick under seats. He pokes Derrick’s book bag. Derrick sees something move! What is it?

Derrick spots the BIG, BIG bug! He sticks his hand in the bag. 
“It bit me!” says Derrick.
Derrick is only teasing Tanya to make her laugh. Then he gently takes the big bug out of his bag and returns it to Tanya.

Tanya stops sobbing.
The bug is back in her backpack!
Derrick says, “The bug is not bad. It is O.K.!”

Tanya is very glad that her bug is all right. She will take good care of it so that it will get safely to the glass tank in Miss Stanton’s science class.
1. Was the bug big?

2. Did Paco like the bug?

3. Did Derrick step on the bug?

4. Was the bug in a book bag?
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