



## **Let's Find a Dragonfly!**

Trisna and Sukma are observing dragonflies for their homework. But catching dragonflies turns out to be harder than they expected!



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Trisna's class has been learning about nature. The teacher tells the class they have a special homework assignment over the weekend: they will be observing insects.





The children are excited to get started. They pick partners and start talking about the project.



Trisna's partner is her friend Sukma. "Let's research grasshoppers," Trisna suggests. But Sukma has a different insect in mind.



She wants to observe dragonflies.





Such beautiful dragonflies!





Trisna loves this idea. So many dragonflies to observe! She reaches into the sky to try to catch one.  
Oops! She misses it.



Will she catch one?



Success! Trisna grasps a dragonfly in her hands. Its legs tickle her fingers. She giggles as she lets it go.



"Why don't we try a net?" Sukma suggests. But Trisna shakes her head. She is worried that they might harm the dragonflies if they use a net to catch them.





A boy from their class approaches. "Catching dragonflies, huh? I know how to get them!"



"See?" the boy says proudly. He pinches the dragonfly's wing.  
Oh no! That could hurt the dragonfly, too.





The boy lets go of the dragonfly's wing when Trisna asks. He did not realize he could hurt the dragonfly.

"Phew, it can still fly just fine," says Sukma. "Look, there is a spider web!" Trisna says, pointing. "That gives me an idea."



"Let's make a racquet!" Trisna suggests. "No, no, not that kind, Sukma!"





"We will make it out of banana leaves and a bamboo stick."



"And then we can use the spider web for its net."



We did it!





A dragonfly has four wings. Its body is divided into multiple segments. It has big eyes with a lot of lenses. And it has six legs. So a dragonfly is categorized as an insect!





Fly away, Dragonfly!  
Thank you for helping us understand you.



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