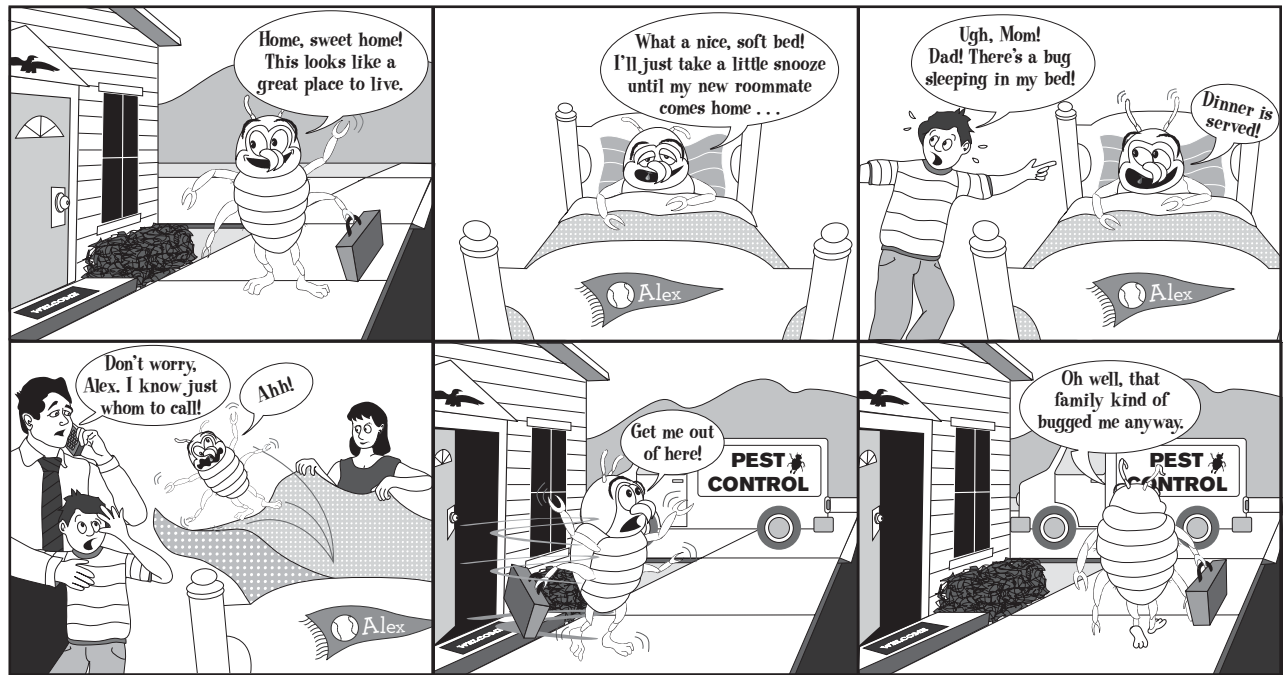


Name _____

A Bed (Bug) Time Story

Watch out! Bedbugs are on the loose—in real life and in comic strips. Read the silly story below to learn its plot. The plot is the events that make up the main story of a text. Then answer the questions that follow.

Benny the bedbug is looking for a place to call home. Let's catch up with the critter as he pesters a new family.



Illustrations: Leigh Haeger

1. Where does the story take place?

2. Who is the main character in the comic strip?

3. What is his or her goal?

4. What is the major **conflict**, or problem, the main character faces?

5. How might Benny feel as he walks away from the house? Why?

GET WRITING

Imagine you are a comic strip writer. Brainstorm a plot for your comic, including a main character, a problem that character must face, and a setting for where your story takes place. Then sketch your comic on a separate piece of paper.



ANSWERS

A Bed (Bug) Time Story

1. a house
2. Benny
3. to find a place to live
4. Benny wants to live in Alex's room, but the family doesn't want him there.
5. Answers will vary.