



Teacher's Notes: Cockroach in Ear

General Tips: The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

Addressing problem solving: Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved and choice making opportunities throughout the article.

Page 1: A cockroach is a bug. Another name for it is insect. They are disgusting. People do not like having cockroaches in their homes. They live all over the world. They live in our state and all the other states. They live in China, Spain and all the other countries. They are everywhere. **Point:** Map of the world, cockroaches on map, cockroach, legs, antennas **Questions:** What is a cockroach? Do they live everywhere? Do they have legs? Is a bug an insect? Is this insect a spider? Is it a butterfly? Do people like cockroaches? **Connect:** Have you ever seen a cockroach? What insects have you seen?

Page 2: Katie lives in Florida. She lives in a house. Sometimes cockroaches get in people's houses. People call an exterminator and try to get rid of them. An exterminator is a person who sprays bug spray to kill the bugs. Cockroaches like to eat food that is sitting out or on the floor. They like to eat garbage. Katie's house is in Florida. **Point:** Florida, your state, cockroaches, donut, plate **Questions:** How many roaches are on the donut? What are the roaches eating? Do roaches get in houses sometimes? What state does Katie live in? **Connect:** Have you seen insects eating people's food? Why do we need to put food away when we are not eating?

Page 3: In April Katie had a cockroach crawl in her ear. It took 9 days before they could get it all out! She woke up because her ear hurt. It felt like ice was in her ear. This happened on April 14th. **Point:** Katie, bedspread, hand on ear, April 14th **Questions:** When did the cockroach crawl in her ear? Did it hurt? What day of the week was the 14th? Was that a weekend day? **Connect:** Sometimes people's ear hurts. It's not because a bug is in it. Sometimes we have an ear infection. Has your ear hurt before?

Page 4: Katie's husband tried to help her. He tried to get the cockroach out. He could not get it out. It hurt. He got a little bit of the roach, but not the whole thing. He took her to the hospital. **Point:** Katie's husband helping her. Katie, her husband, steering wheel. **Questions:** What did Katie's husband do? Why did he drive her to the hospital? **Connection:** Have you ever had to go to the hospital?

Page 5 : When Katie got to the hospital, the doctor tried to get it out. He got some of it out. He gave her some medicine. **Point:** doctor, part of the roach, Katie **Questions:** Who tried to help Katie at the hospital? Did he get all of the roach out? Did Katie go to the hospital? Did the doctor look in her ear? **Connect:** Have you ever had a doctor look in your ear? Why?

Page 6: When the doctor was done, Katie went home. She did not feel like her ear was better. She had to go back to the doctor again. Her ear still hurt. **Point:** Katie, hand on ear, hair, nose, mouth **Questions:** Does Katie's ear still hurt? Does Katie need to go to the doctor? **Connect:** When something hurts, should you tell someone, so you can get help? Has a doctor helped you before?

Page 7: Katie went to the new doctor. He was able to get it out. He said there was a lot more of the roach in her ear. He got it out. Her ear started to feel better right away! **Point:** doctor, ear, cockroach part, antennas **Questions:** Was there more in her ear? Did the doctor get all the roach out? **Connect:** What do doctors do?

Page 8: Katie is so happy. Her ear was bothering her for 9 days. She finally got it fixed. The doctor got the cockroach out. She is happy. **Point:** Katie, eyes, eyebrows, lips teeth, smiling **Questions:** Why is Katie smiling? How do you know Katie is happy? What is she doing? **Connect:** What makes you happy? What do you do when you are happy?

Page 9: Katie does not want this to happen again. She puts earplugs in her ears when she sleeps. That will keep the bugs away. **Point:** earplug, ear **Questions :** What are earplugs? Why do people wear earplugs? Why is Katie wearing earplugs? **Connect:** Have you ever worn earplugs?