

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST INSECTS



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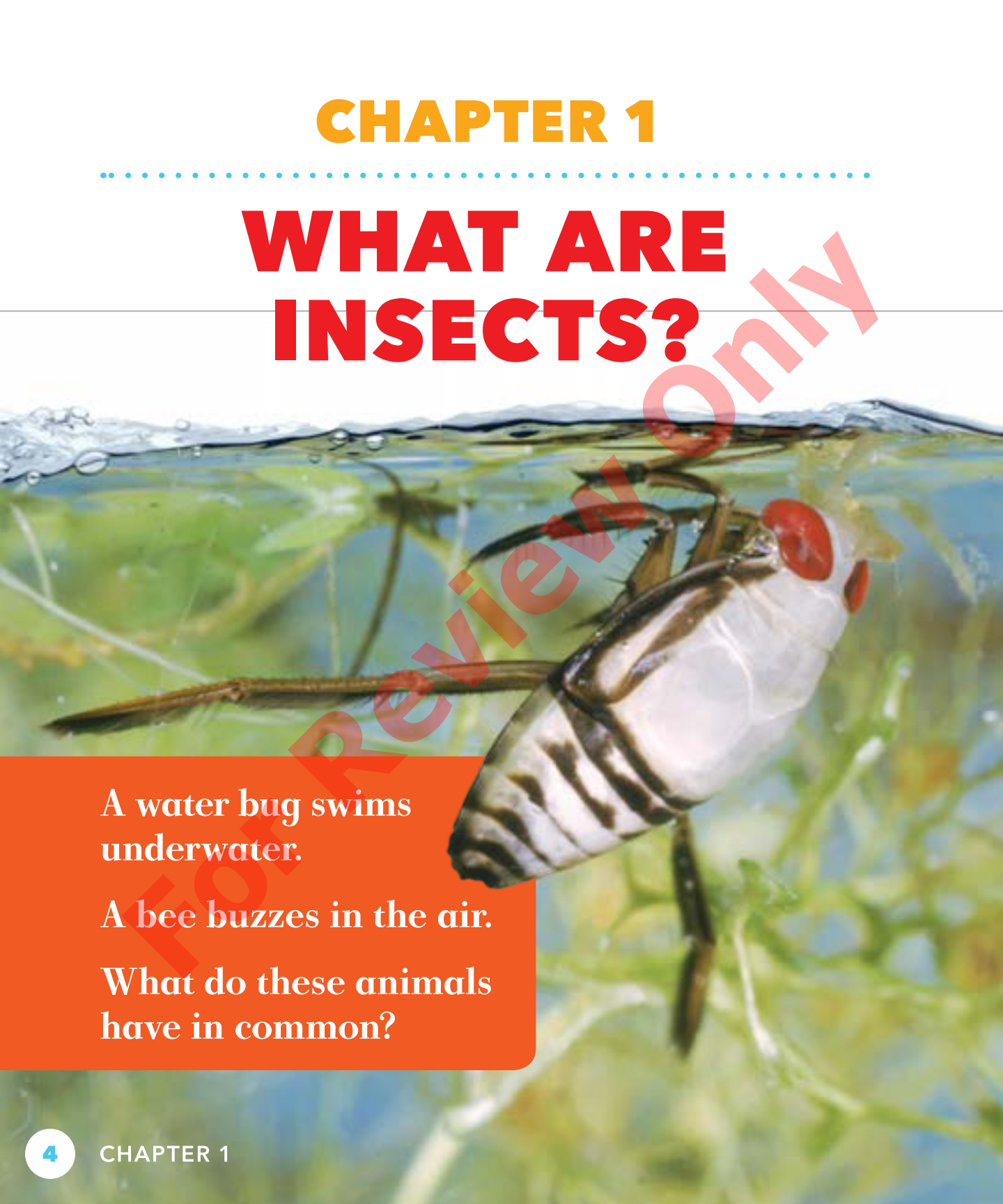
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CHAPTER 1

WHAT ARE INSECTS?

A detailed photograph of a water bug, possibly a Belostomatidae, swimming underwater. The bug has a white body with dark brown stripes and red eyes. It is surrounded by green aquatic plants and bubbles. A large, diagonal, semi-transparent watermark reading 'For Review Only' is overlaid across the center of the image.

A water bug swims underwater.

A bee buzzes in the air.

What do these animals have in common?

They are both **insects**. Insects are small animals with six legs.

An insect's body has three parts.
Most insects have wings and **antennas**.



CHAPTER 2

LONG AND THIN

Stick insects are
the longest insects
in the world.



They can be over 20 inches
(50 centimeters) long.

That is about as long as two
sheets of notebook paper!

Stick insects are long and thin. They look like twigs. Many stick insects are green or brown.

Stick insects hide during the day. They stay still. They blend in with the leaves and branches.

Sometimes they sway back and forth. They look like twigs moving in the wind.

DID YOU KNOW?

Not all stick insects are supersized. Some are very small. One kind of stick insect is just a half inch (12 millimeters) long!

That's smaller than a penny!



