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## Water Movers Level:P

(read p. 10-12)

How Animals Move in Ponds and Rivers

The backswimmer is an insect that gets its food under the water.

Its back is shaped like the bottom of a boat and it has back legs that are very long. The backswimmer moves just below the surface of the water. It swims on its back and uses its back legs like the oars on a boat.

This insect is called a water boatman. It also gets its food from under the water. It has two long back legs with lots of hairs on them. The legs are shaped like paddles, and they help the insect swim in the water.

A water strider can move very quickly on top of the water. It uses its front legs to grab food. It uses its middle legs to push its body forwards and its back legs to steer where it is going. It also has lots of tiny little hairs on its legs. The hairs trap air and help the water strider float on the water.

### Notice if the student...

- Rereads text
- Asks for help
- Skips the word and comes back
- Sounds word out
- Looks at the pictures
- Chunks the words
- Covers the ending and looks for smaller words
- Self- Corrects
- Tries to figure out what makes sense in the sentence

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