**Water Insects**

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| <p>A water strider can run across the surface of water on its long, skinny back legs. It uses its two front legs to grab other insects to eat.</p> | A water strider can \_\_\_\_\_\_ across the surface of water on its long, skinny back legs. It uses its two front legs to grab other insects to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
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