

Don't Let
the
Ticks Bite!



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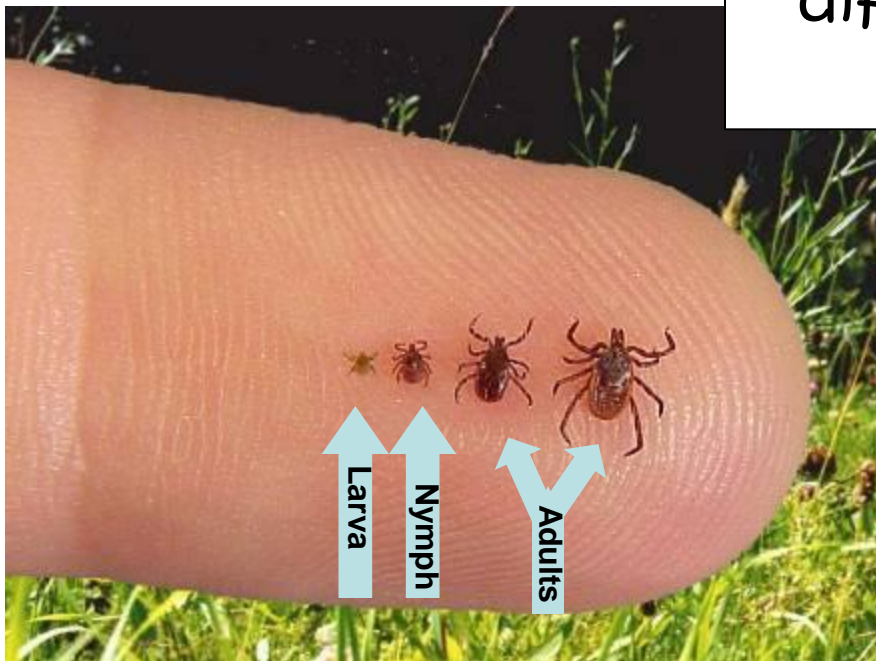
Introducing:
Timothy Tickfinder
and his dog **Bullseye**



What are Ticks?

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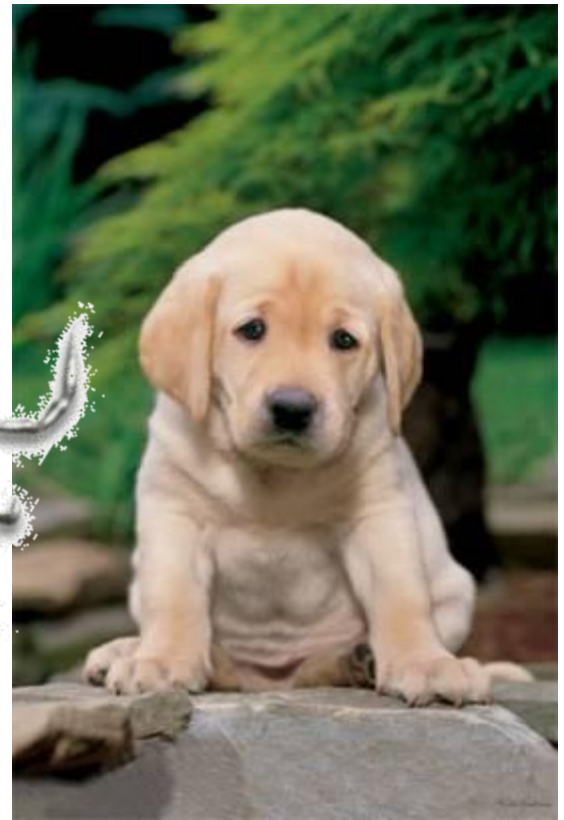
This is a picture of four different sizes of ticks on a person's finger.



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**Ticks feed by
attaching to animals
and sucking blood.**





Some ticks give germs to people and pets that can make them sick.

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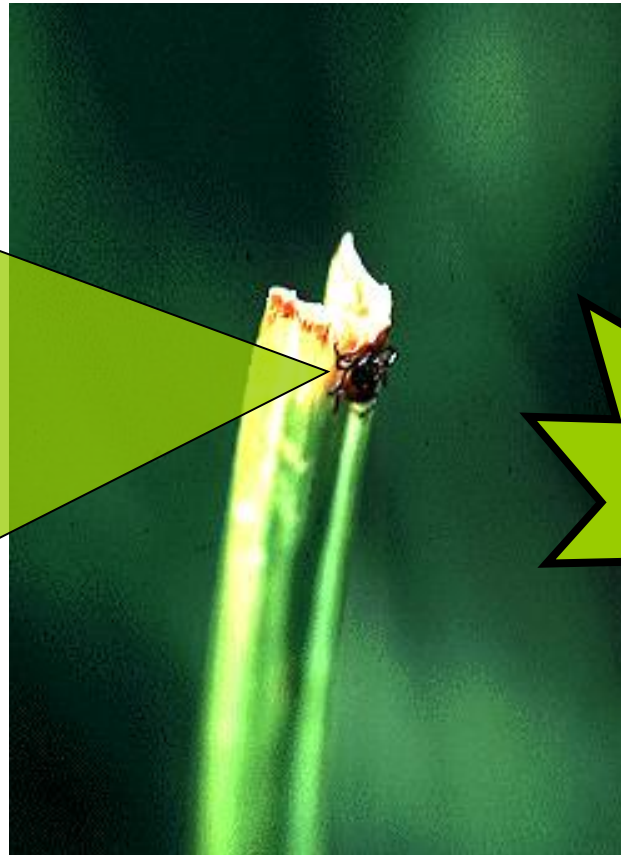
Ticks are found



in wild, grassy,
brushy, or forested
areas, especially
alongside trails.

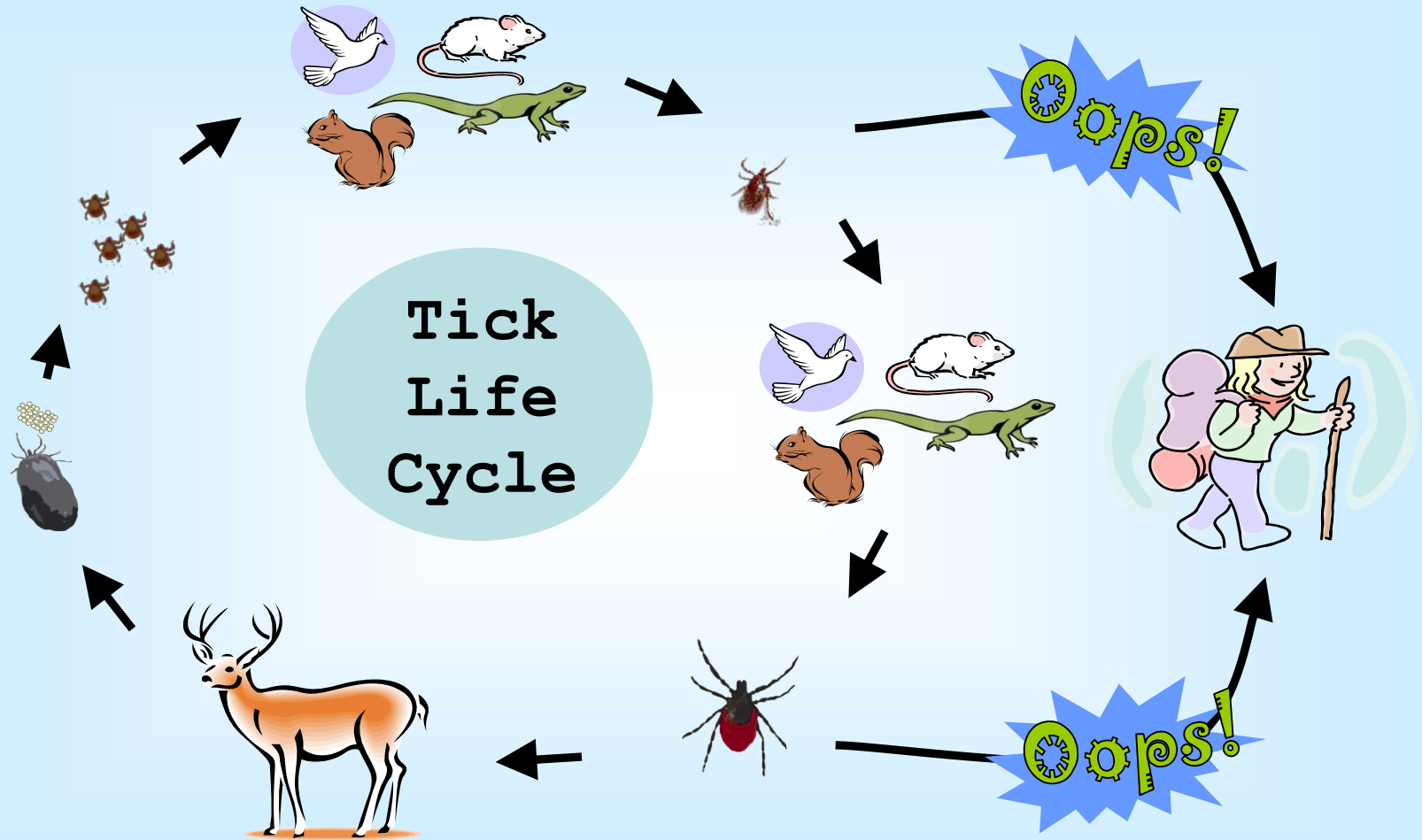


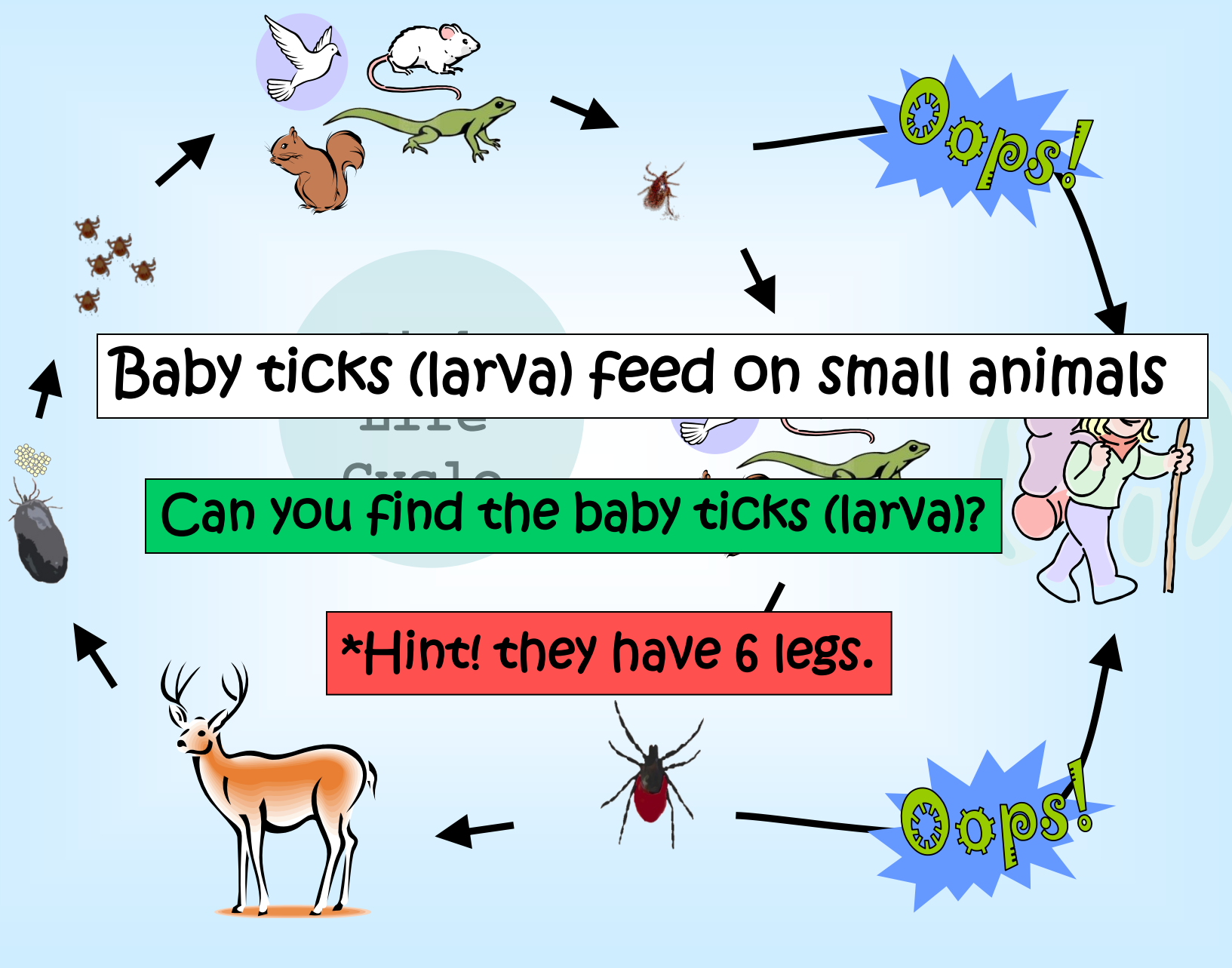
Ticks wait at the end of a piece of grass or on logs until an animal or person brushes against them.



Ticks are really small

In nature ticks bite animals.

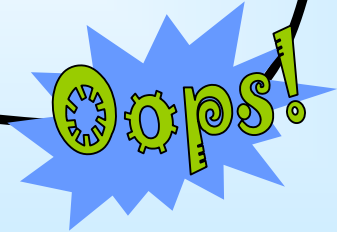
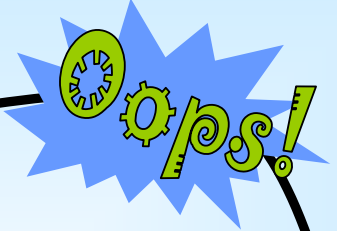


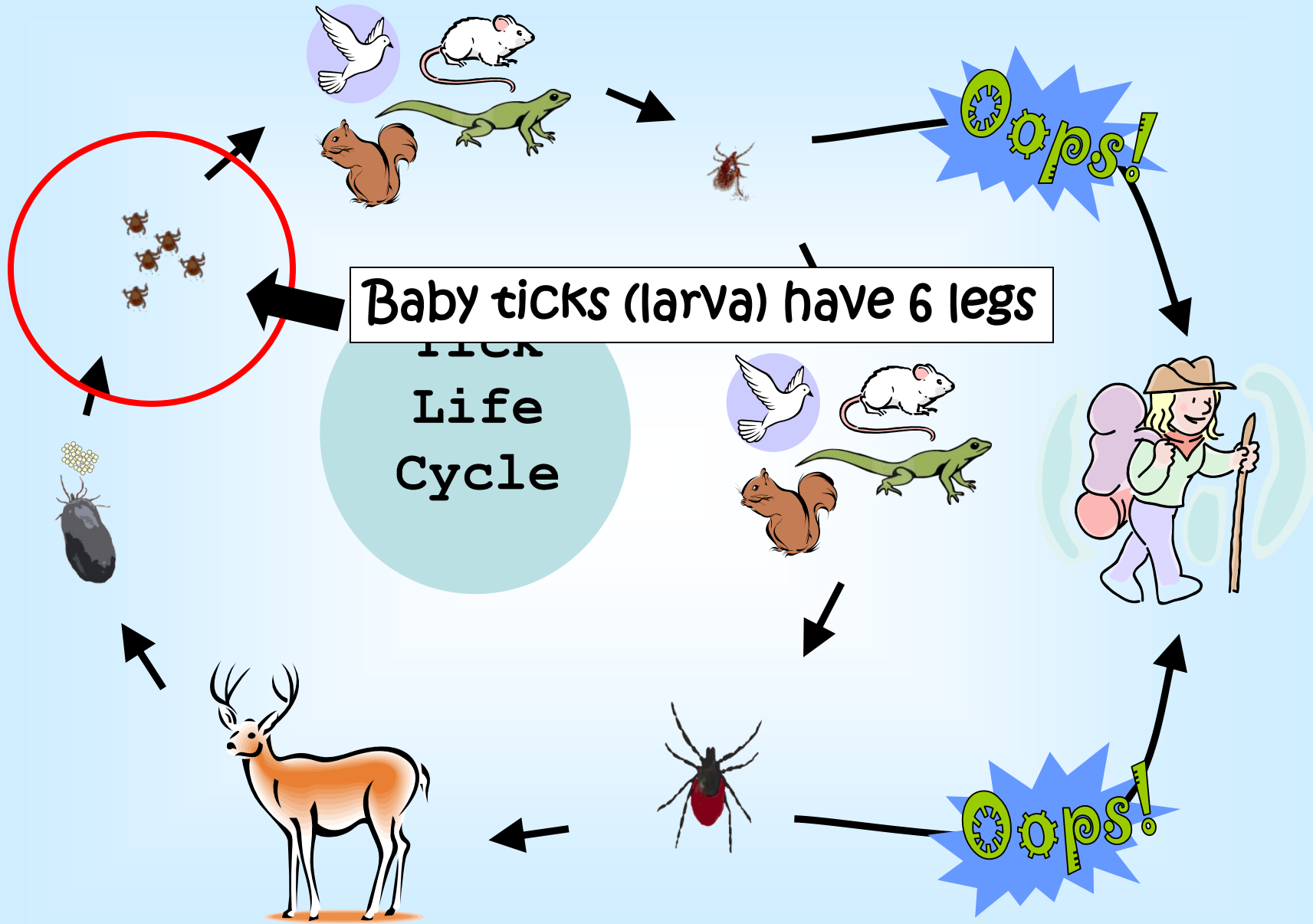


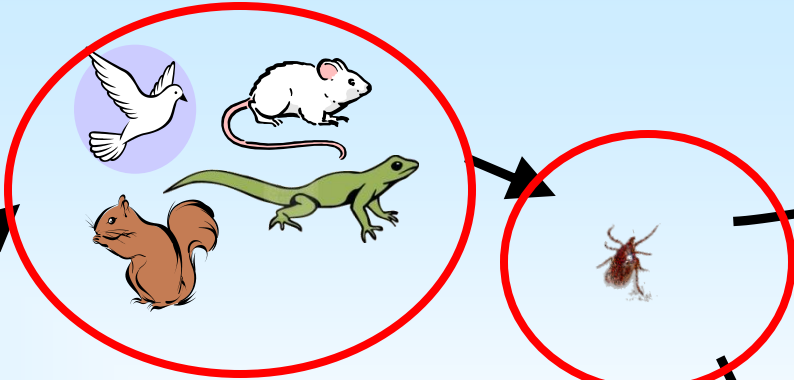
Baby ticks (larva) feed on small animals

Can you find the baby ticks (larva)?

*Hint! they have 6 legs.

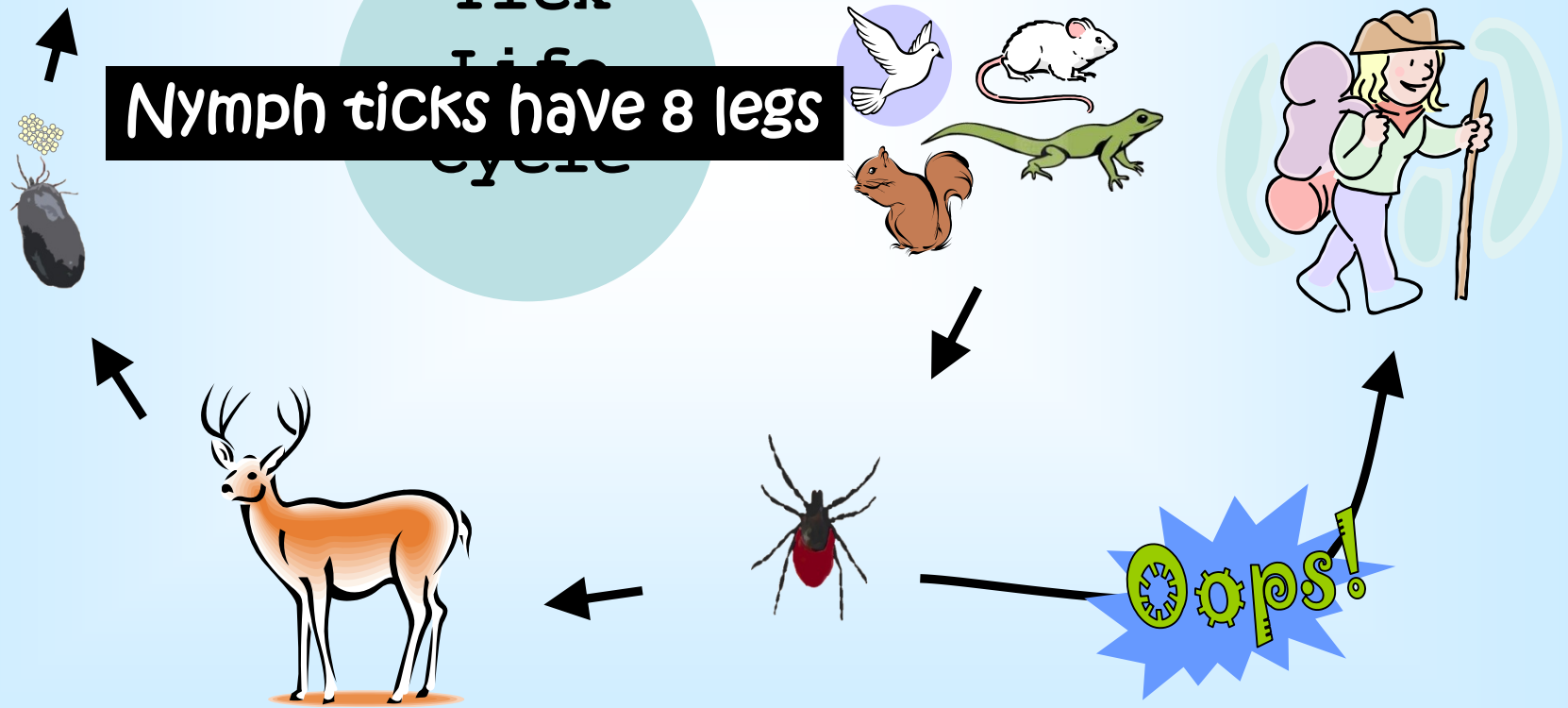




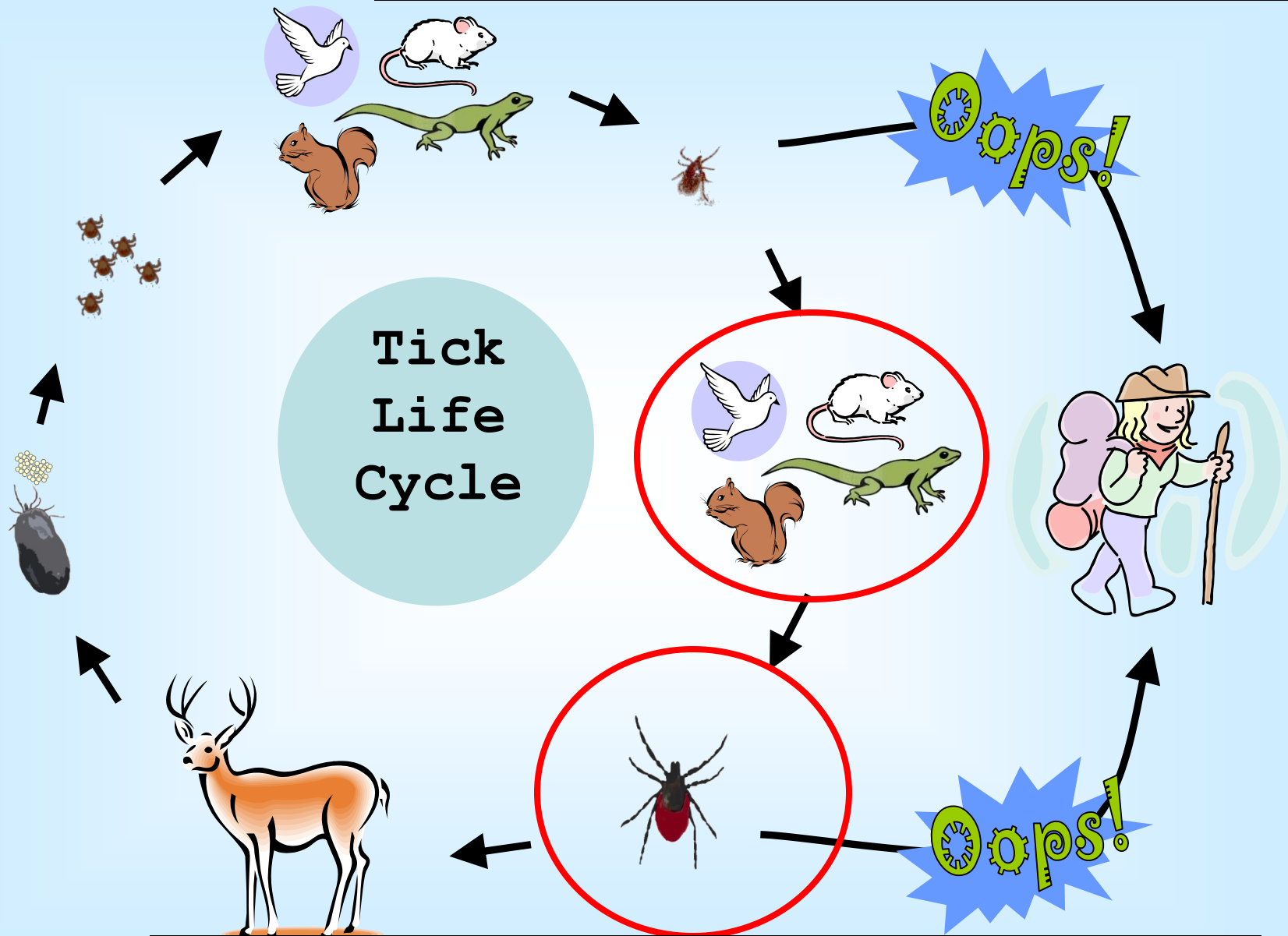


After the larva suck blood, they become a larger tick, called a nymph.

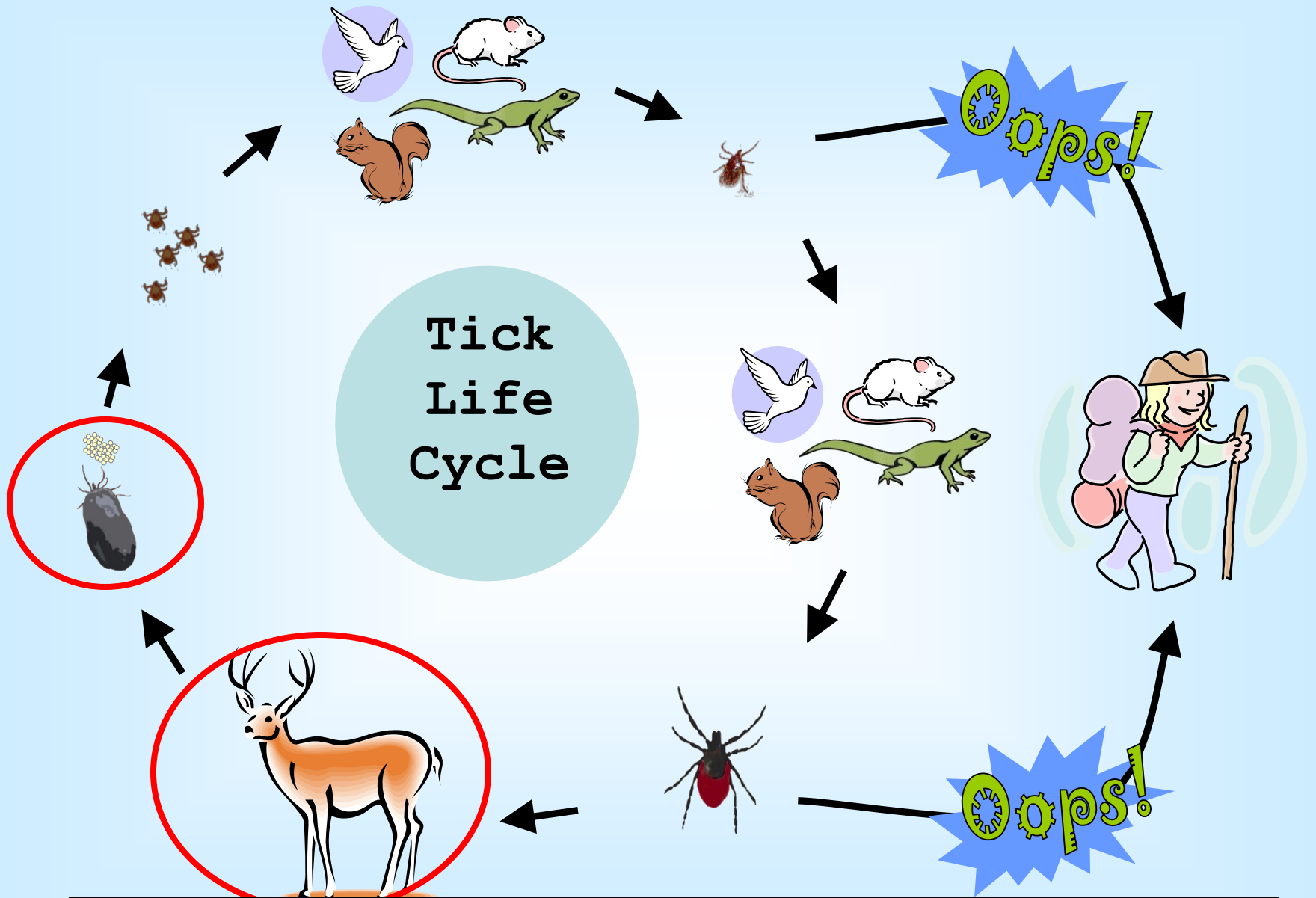
Nymph ticks have 8 legs



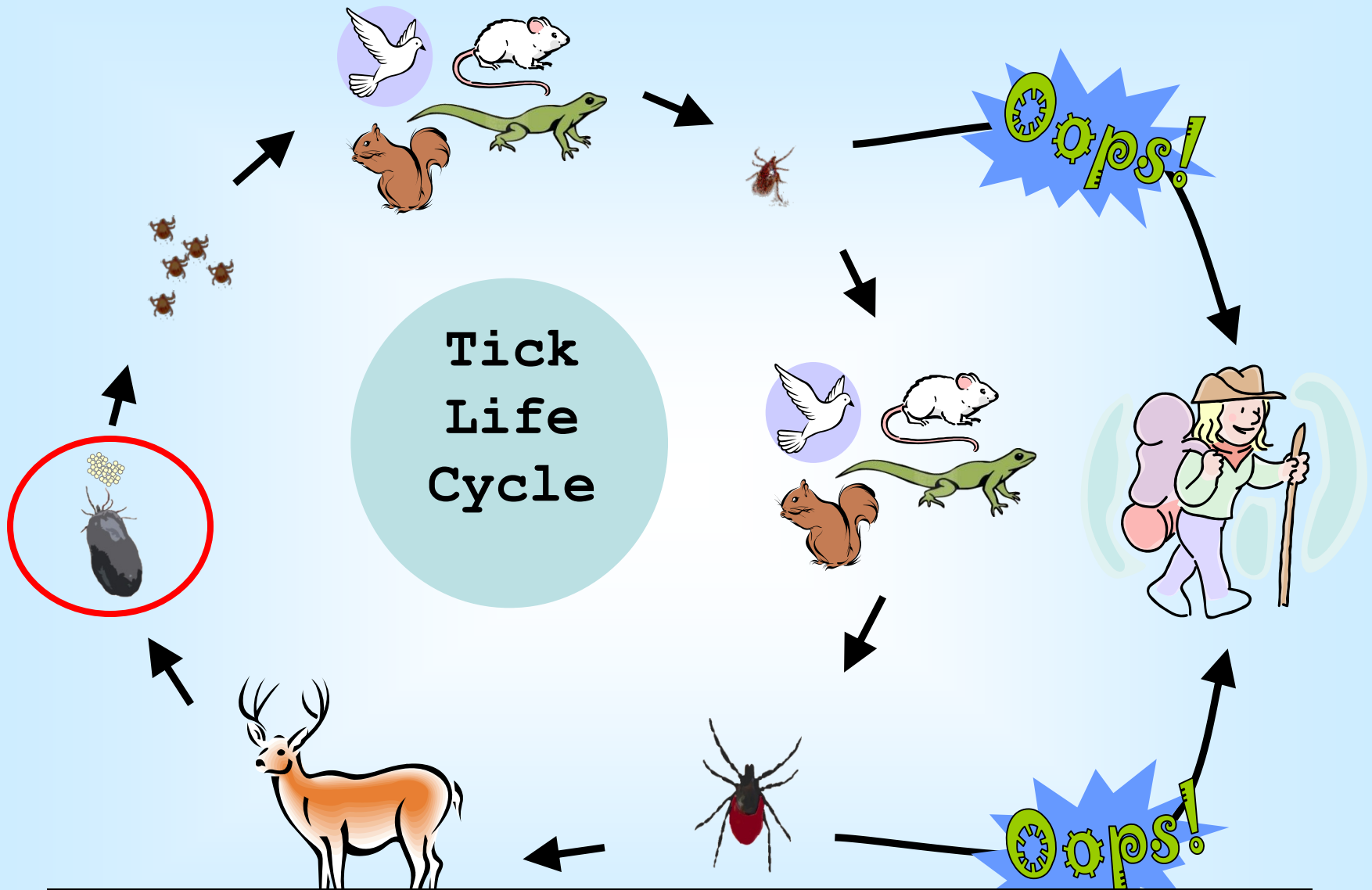
Nymphs suck blood from another small animal.



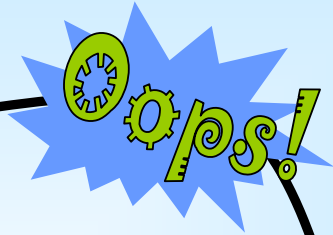
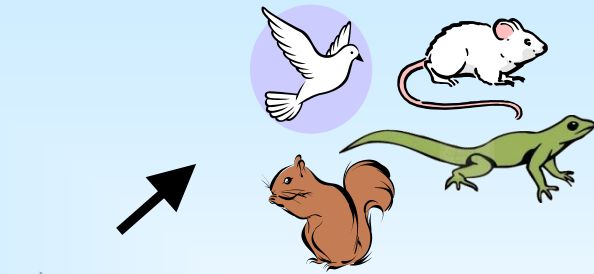
After the nymphs eat, they become adult ticks.
Adult ticks look just like nymphs, but bigger.



Adult ticks like to suck blood from deer. When ticks suck blood, their bodies expand and they look like a raisin with legs.

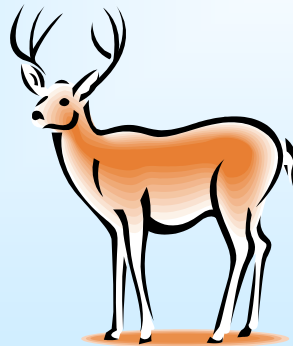
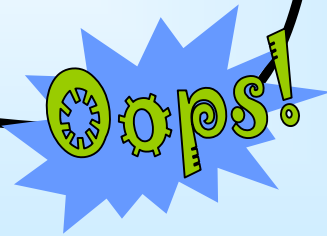


When an adult tick is done feeding, it will lay eggs. The eggs will hatch into larva ticks and start the cycle all over again.



Tick

Sometimes nymphs and adult ticks accidentally bite a person instead of an animal!



Protect yourself from ticks!

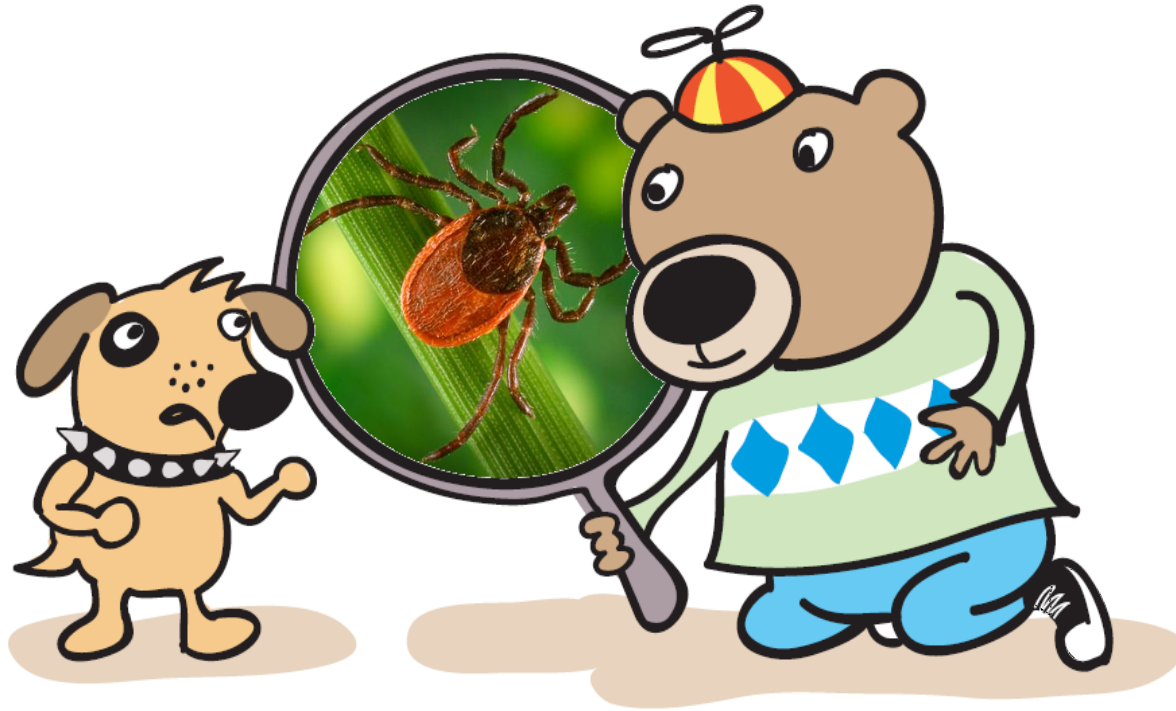


- Wear bug spray.
- Wear light-colored clothes because it is easier to see ticks on them.
- Wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Tuck your pants into your socks or boots and tuck in your shirt.
- Stay on trails.

**Timothy is sure to follow these
tips to avoid getting bitten by ticks**

C heck for ticks!

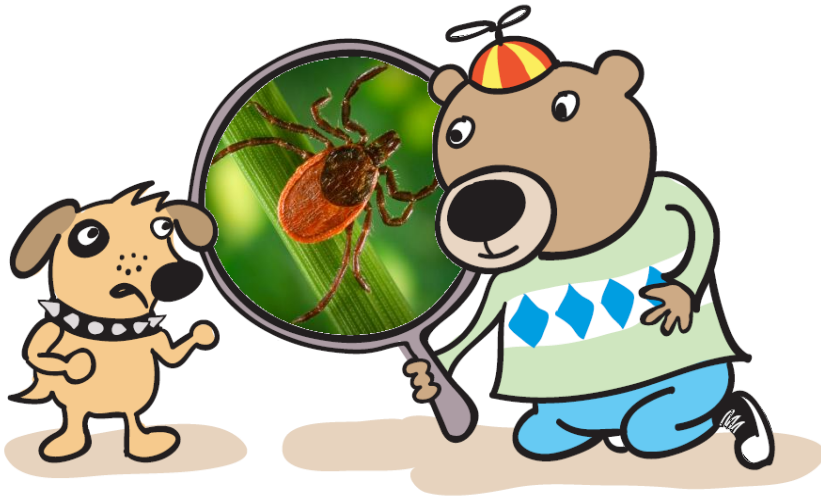




After ticks get on an animal or a person they look for a good hiding place and so it is hard to see them.

After you go for a hike, or everyday if there are ticks where you play:

- Check everyone in your family for ticks.



- Ask your parents or another adult to help you do a tick check.

• Check your
pets very
carefully.
Ticks can be
hard to see on
animals with
dark fur.



**Timothy checks himself, Bullseye
and other members of his family for ticks regularly.**

What do you do if you find
a tick stuck to your body?

ANSWER:

Remove it quickly and properly.

**An adult can help you get
the tick out of your skin
with tweezers.**

How to remove a tick:



1. Grab the tick close to your skin with the tweezers or a tissue and pull straight out.

2. Wash where the tick bit you.

3. Wash your hands.

4. If you get sick after a tick bite you should go to the doctor.

Remember to do like Timothy Tickfinder and his dog Bullseye



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