

## Creatures that live in the pond

We caught two newts, a diving beetle, a water boatman and two water snails and put them into a glass jar in order to study the creature's habits and appearance. The male newt has a larger crest than the female newt, which is fat and full of eggs.

A diving beetle looks like a cockroach with fins and swims very fast devouring anything smaller than itself, which is in its way. The diving beetle is an insect because it has six legs and three parts to its body. The long pair of legs are used for swimming and diving, so it can catch its prey easily. Each leg is hairy and looks a bit like a feather. It has a hard outer shell and looks like a rugby ball. It is the local pond bully who will bully newts and eat larvae.

The water snails also have hard shells but are pleasant creatures. They move slowly around the glass jar on a film of sticky mucus, which oozes from the soft inner parts of their body.

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