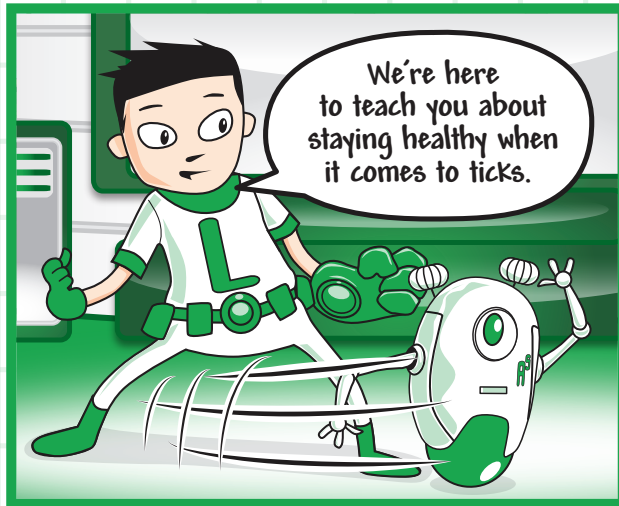
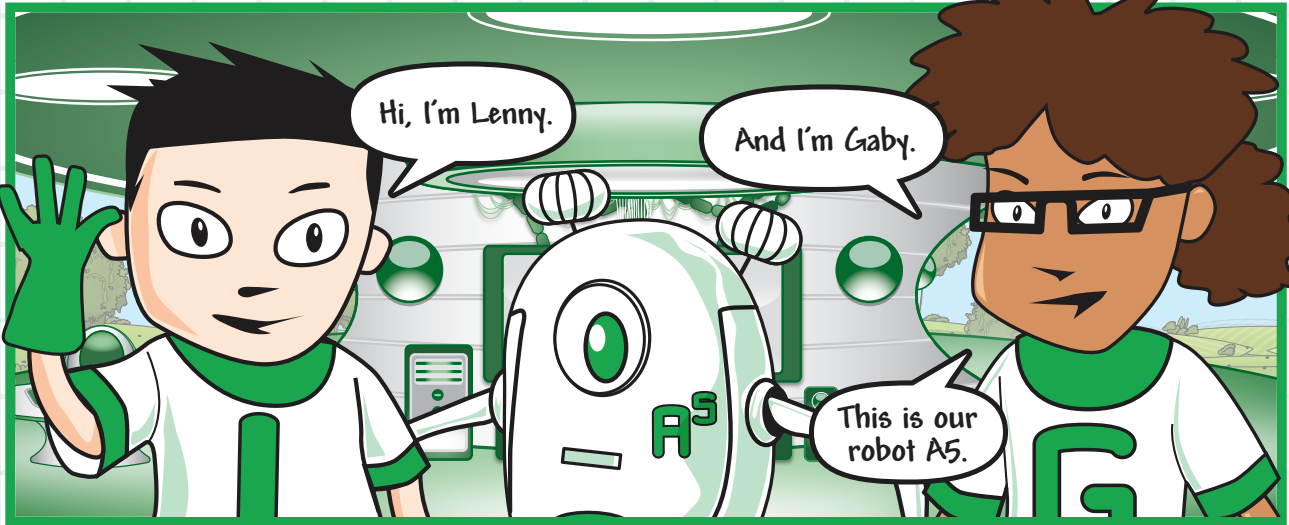
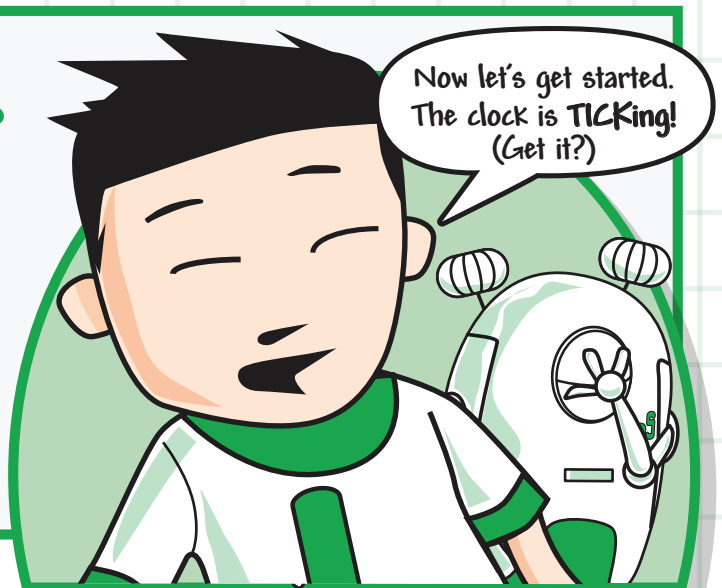


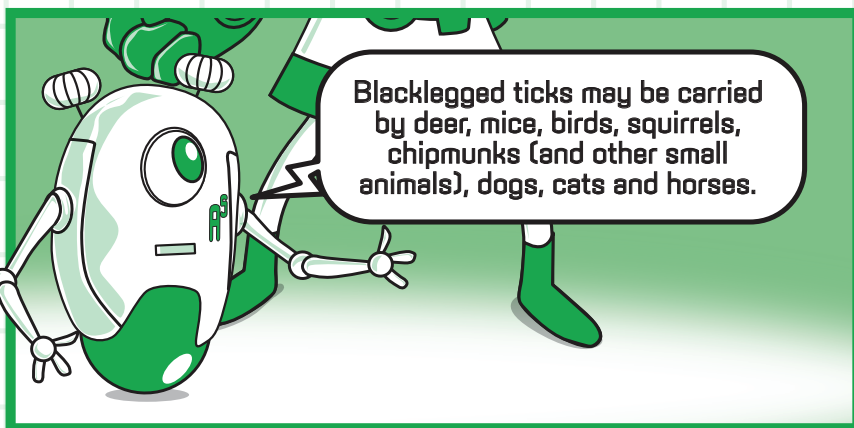
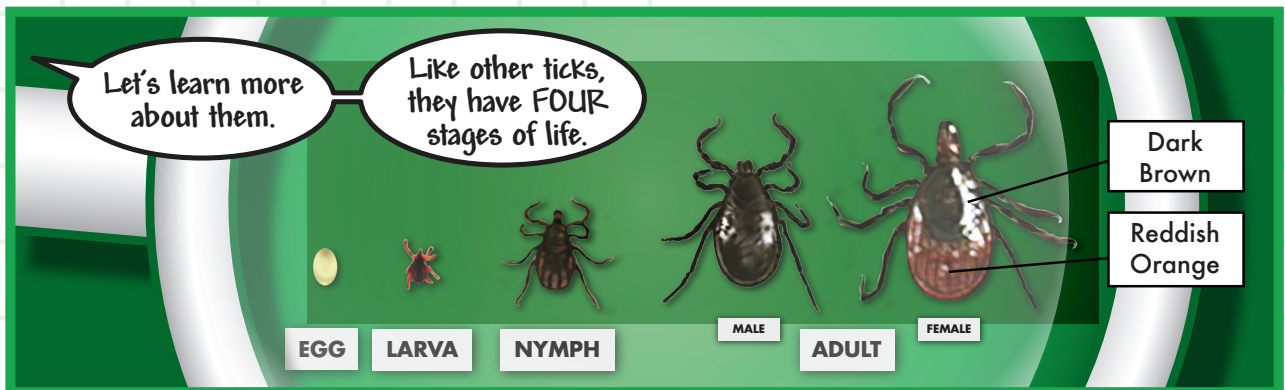
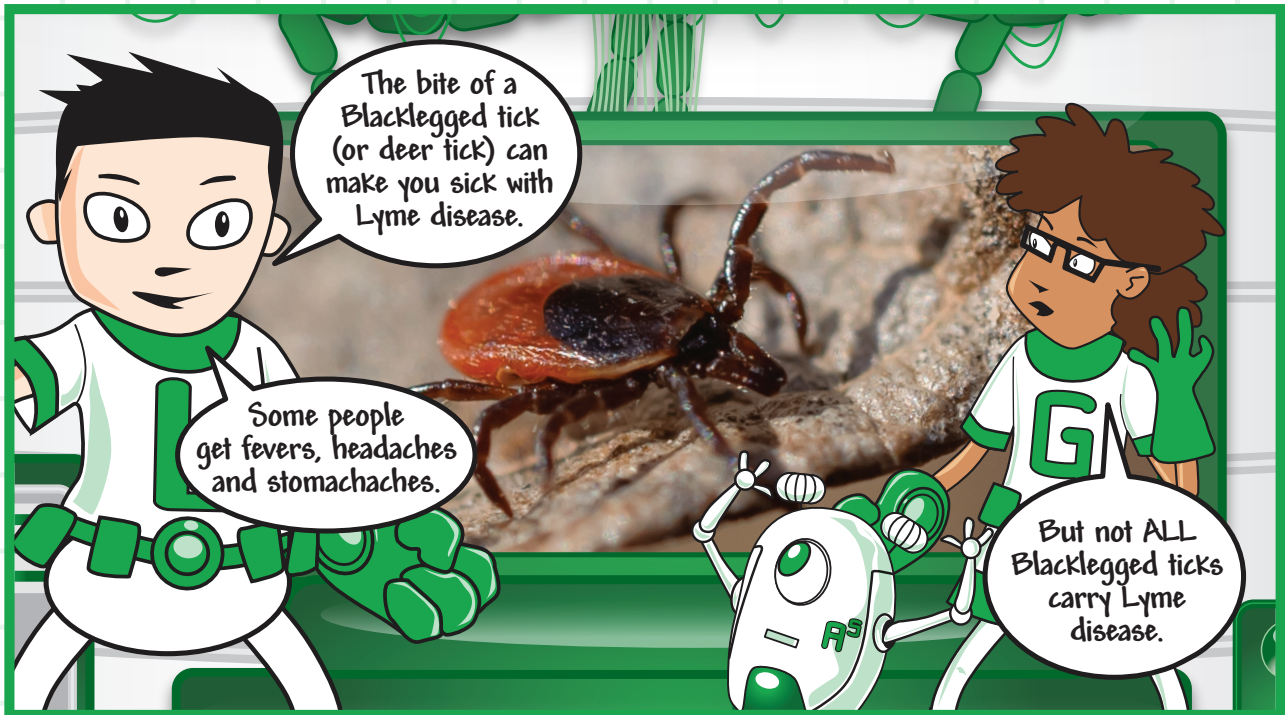


NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_



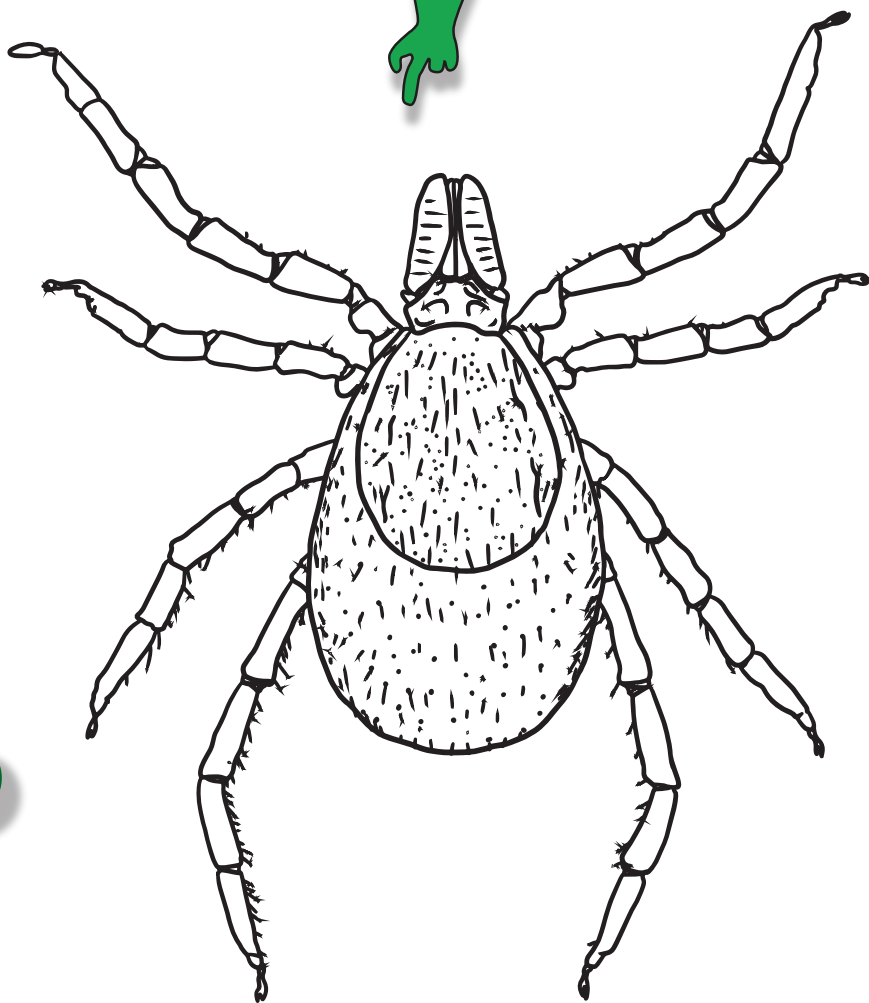
Did you know ticks have been on earth for **millions of years**?  
That's a long time.  
They are interesting creatures, but we have to be careful because some ticks can make you very sick if they bite you.



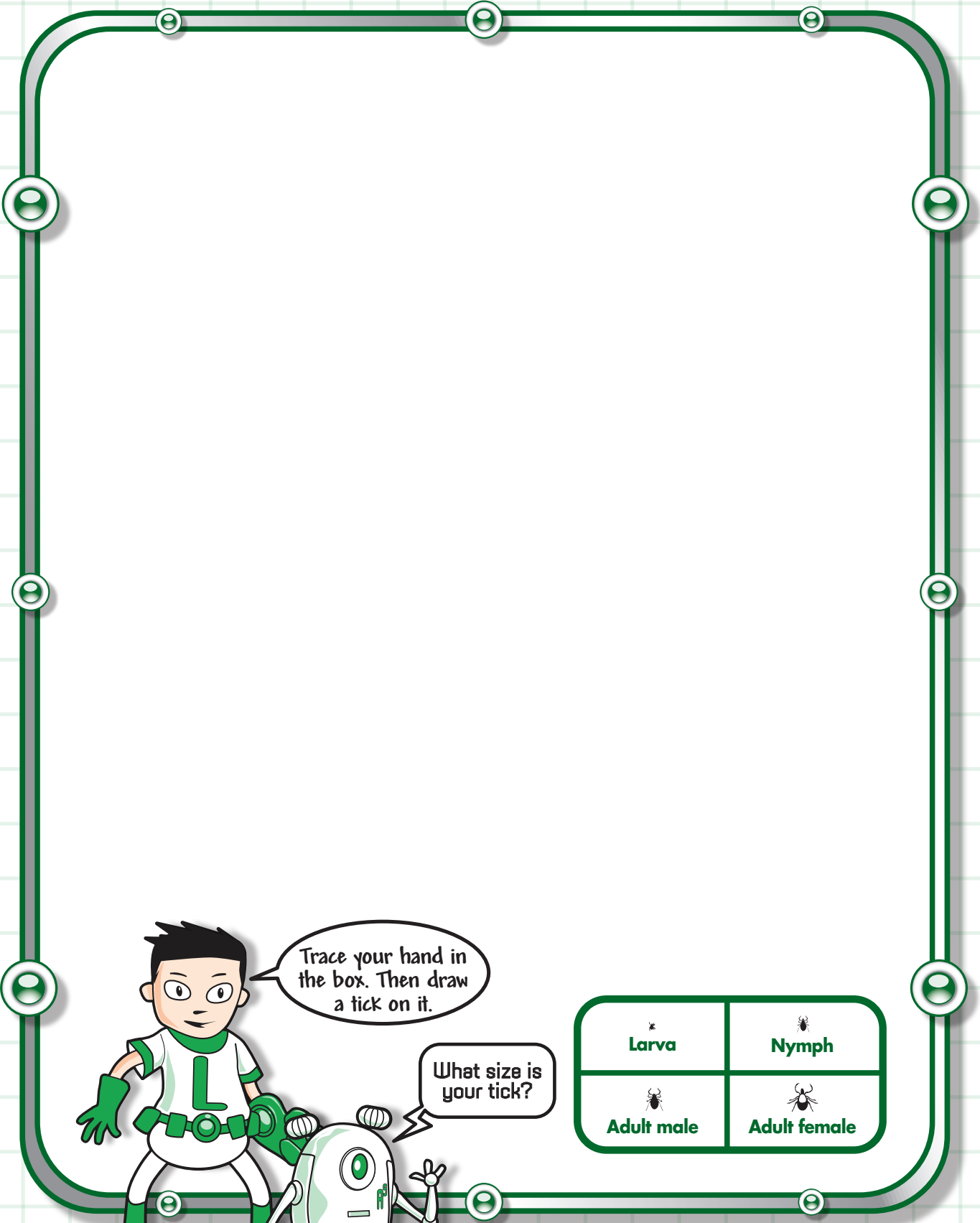


Now it's your turn.  
Color in the adult female  
Blacklegged tick below.

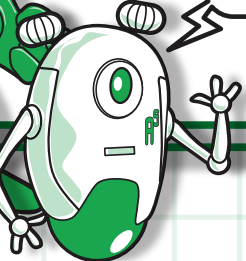
(Hint: See picture  
on page 2)











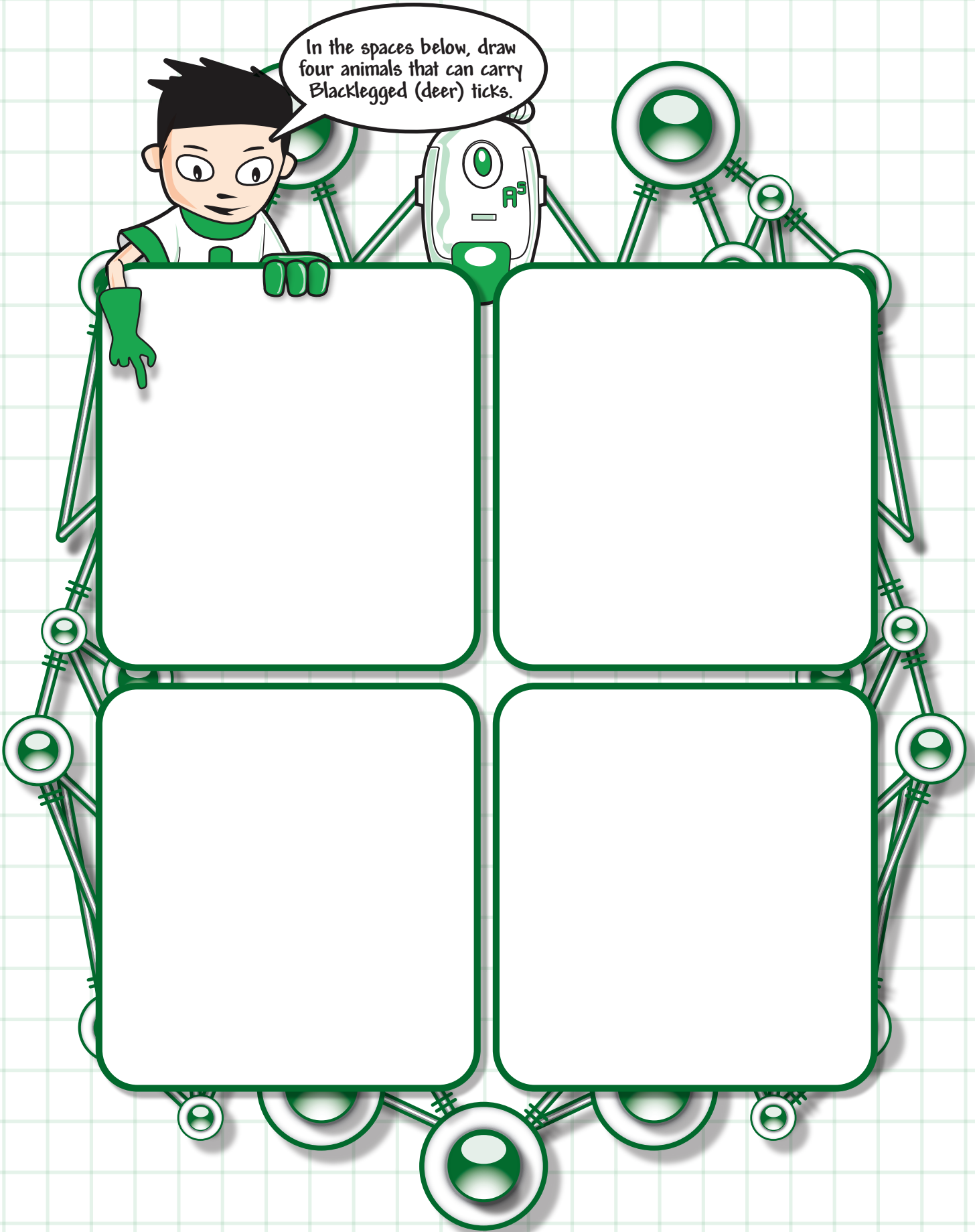
Trace your hand in the box. Then draw a tick on it.



What size is your tick?

 Larva	 Nymph
 Adult male	 Adult female

In the spaces below, draw four animals that can carry Blacklegged (deer) ticks.





**Ticks live in:**  
Shaded areas  
Moist areas  
Weedy areas  
Tall grasses  
Wood piles  
Stone walls  
Ground cover  
Leaf litter and leaf piles

**Ticks don't live in:**  
Sunny areas  
Clear pathways  
Short cut grass  
in sunlight



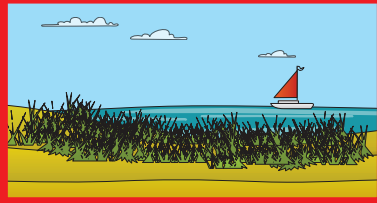
Here are some picture comparisons of where ticks live, and where they don't.

### Ticks live in

Long grass, ground cover and dark places to hide



Beach grass

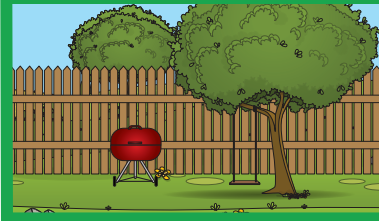


Warm, wet grounds covered with bushes and wet leaves



### Ticks don't live in

Clean yard with short grass



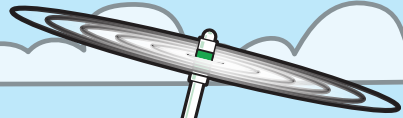
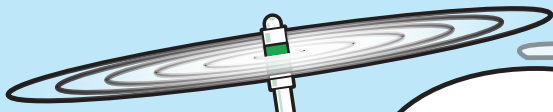
Open shorelines with sandy beaches



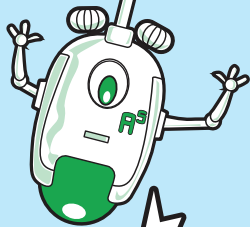
Sports fields with short grass





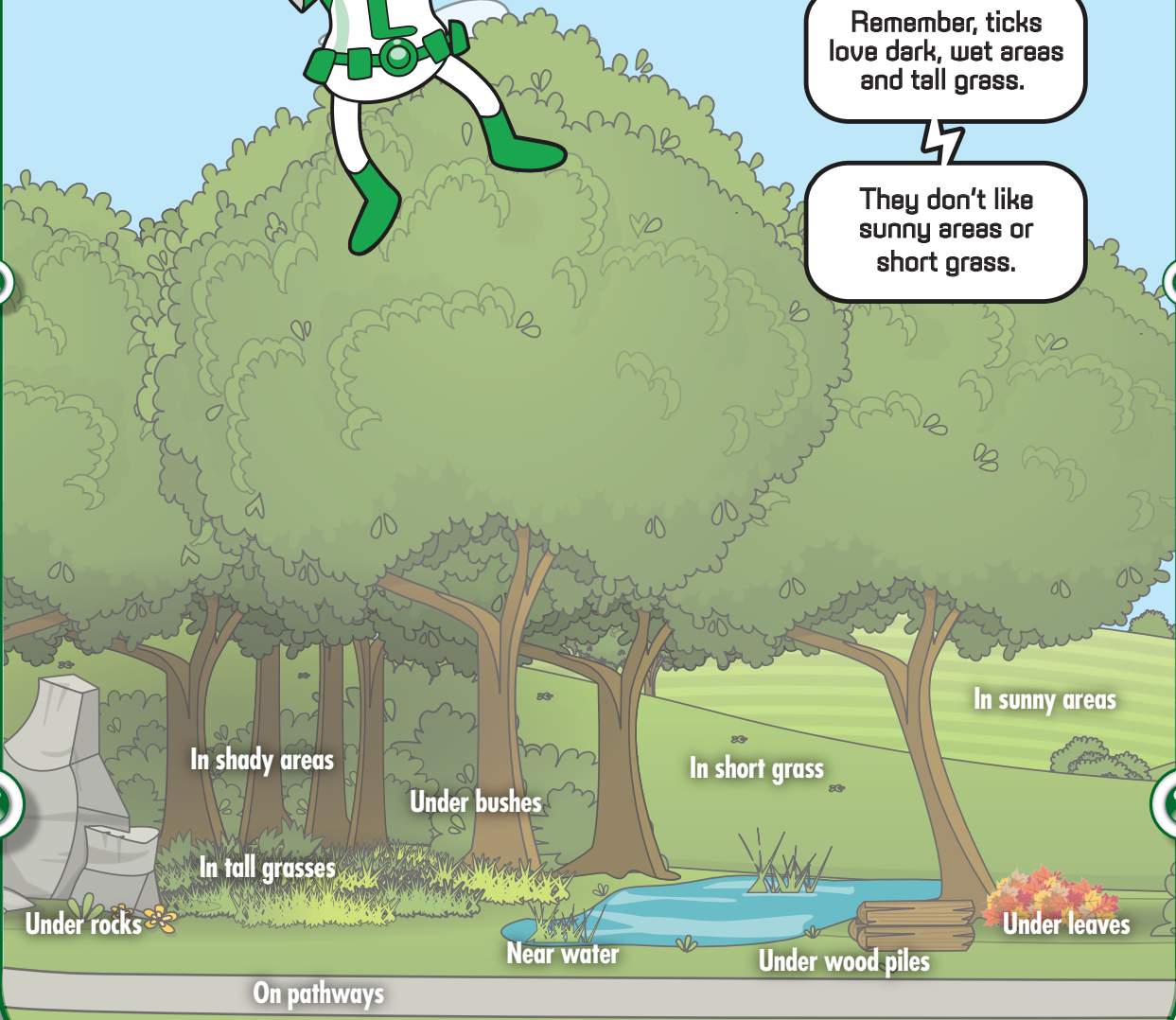


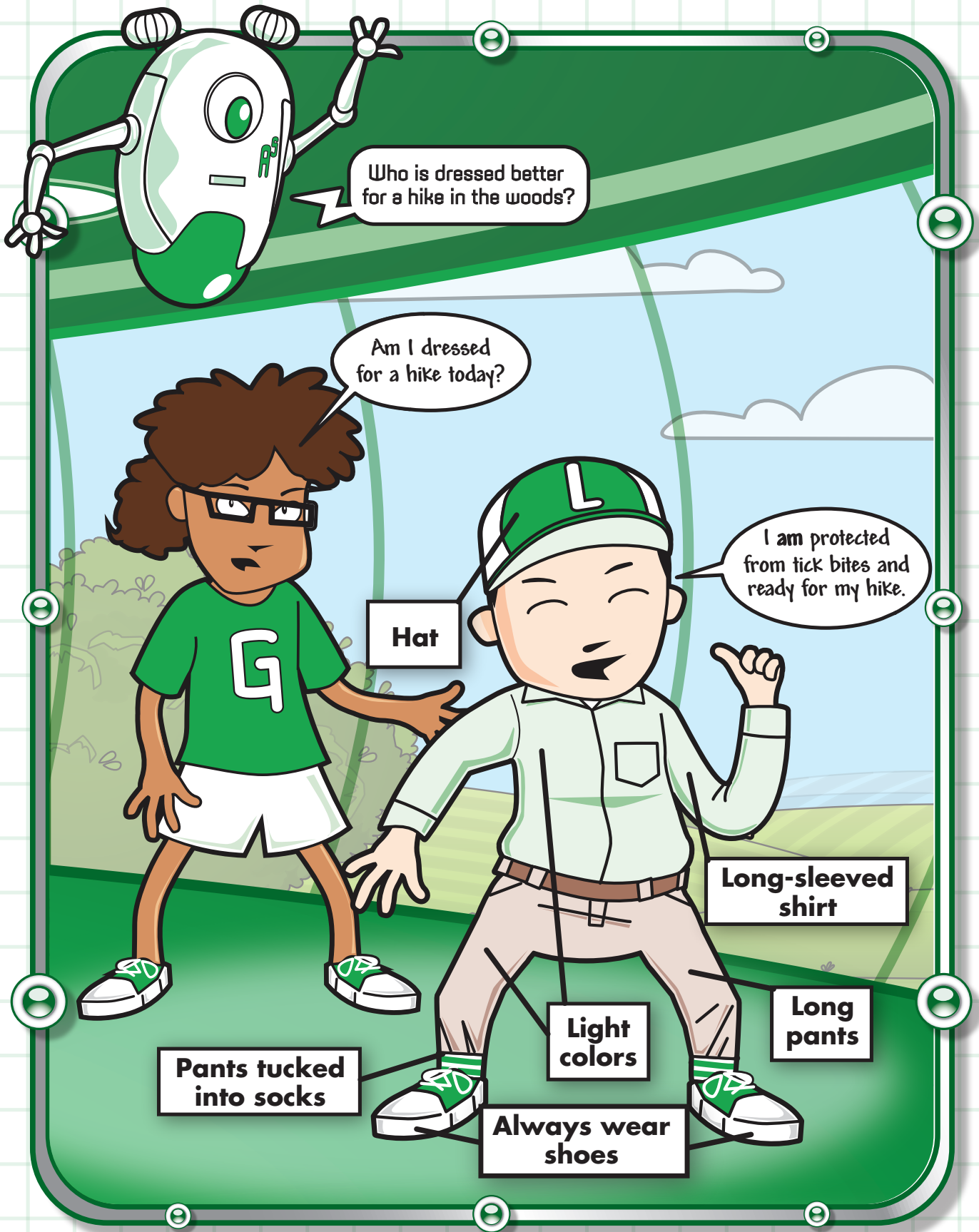
Circle the 7 areas in the picture where ticks like to hang out.



Remember, ticks love dark, wet areas and tall grass.

They don't like sunny areas or short grass.





Who is dressed better for a hike in the woods?

Am I dressed for a hike today?

I am protected from tick bites and ready for my hike.

Hat

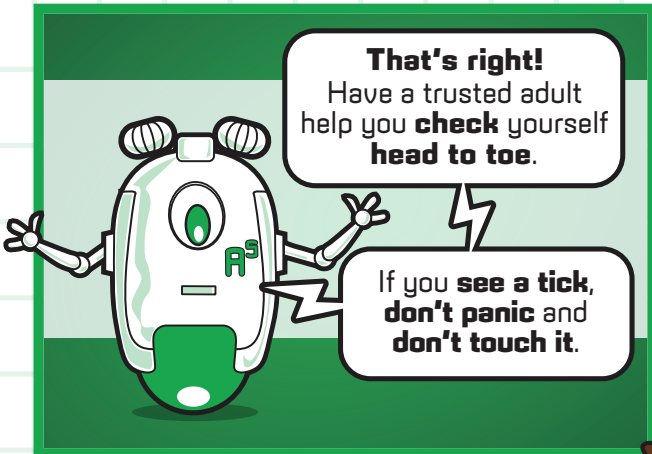
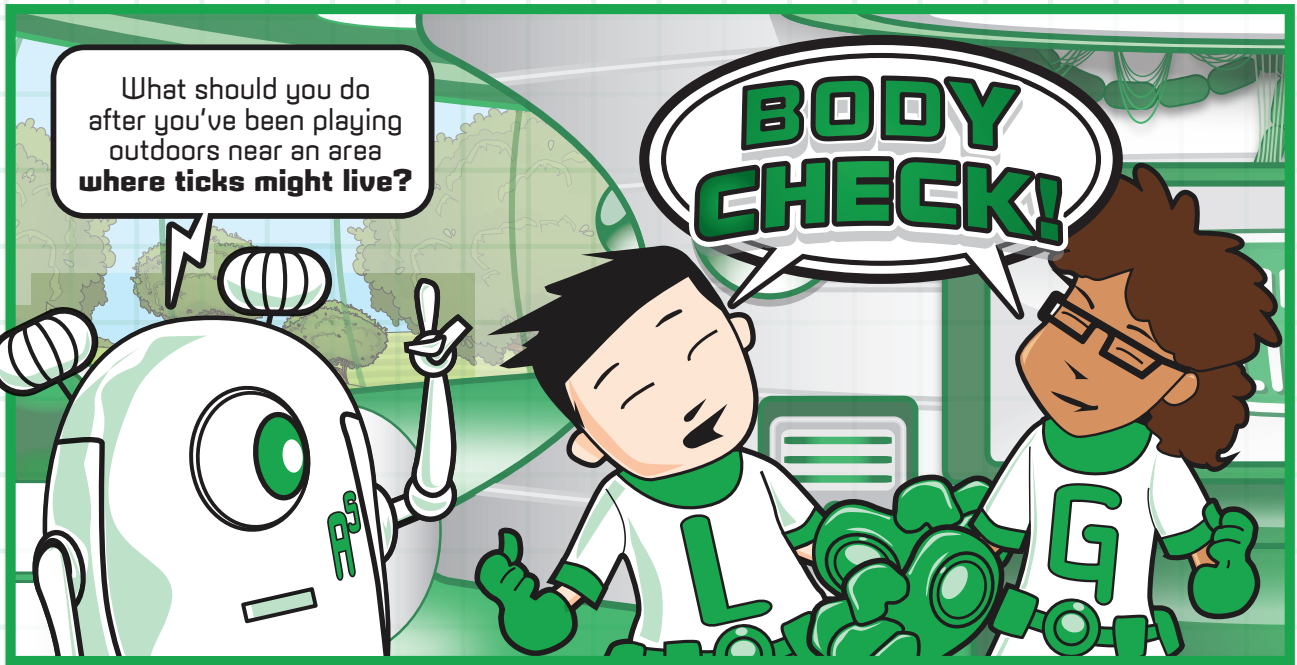
Long-sleeved shirt

Light colors

Long pants

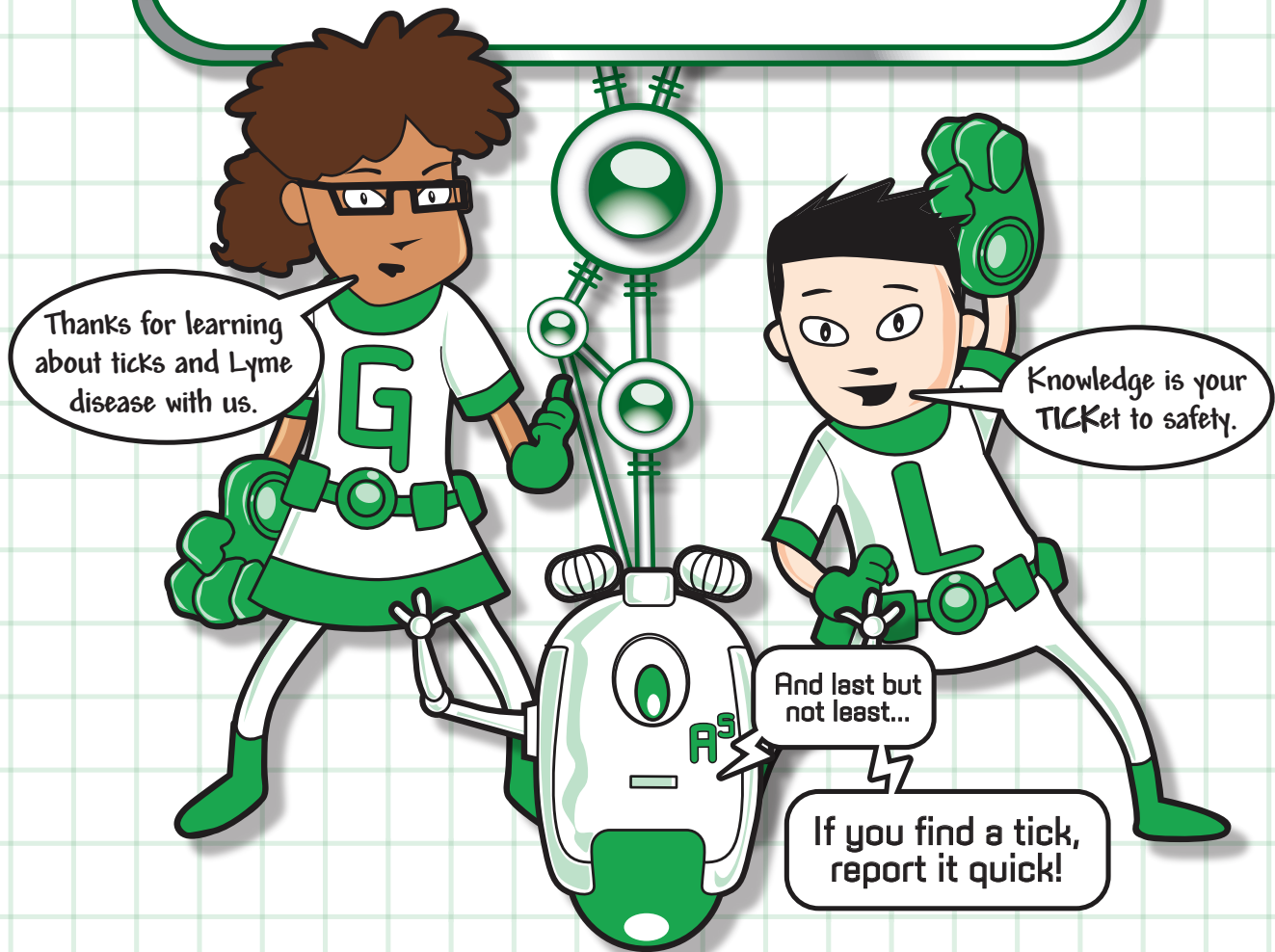
Always wear shoes

Pants tucked into socks



### Always remember:

- Play in areas where ticks **don't like to live**.
- **Dress smart** to protect yourself from tick bites.
- **Look for ticks on your body and clothes** when you come inside.
- Have a trusted adult help you **do a full tick check**.



Check out our website for more fun activities!  
[www.GLA.org](http://www.GLA.org)