



# Tiritiri Matangi Kids,

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Invertebrates are amazing because they have special superpowers that help nature run smoothly. They help plants grow, carry pollen between flowers, and keep everything in the environment working well. Read the superpowers and match them to the invertebrates.

1. This is the giant superhero of the insect world! With their mighty jaws, these leaf-crunching champions can chomp through the toughest leaves. They're nature's ultimate cleanup crew, helping to keep the forest tidy and healthy.

3. This insect is a true marvel of nature, renowned for its remarkable ability to create mesmerising chromatic illusions. Its vibrant wings, with a striking combination of deep oranges, blacks, and whites, dance in the light, shifting in colour as they flutter. These dazzling patterns create illusions that can confuse predators and delight viewers.

5. This insect is nature's tiny tree designer! This clever critter spends years as a larva, becoming a master architect of its own secret hideout. Using its super skill, it carves out a snug burrow in a tree trunk and disguises the entrance with a silky web that looks just like bark. This clever camouflage keeps it safe from sneaky predators while it grows big and strong.

7. With its amazing superpower, this decomposer dynamo transforms old, rotting wood into brand-new energy to fuel the forest. It's like a tiny, unstoppable recycler, helping the forest stay fresh and healthy. This insect doesn't just munch—it's a nutrient ninja, delivering food to plants and keeping the ecosystem sparkling clean.

2. These are the buzzing superheroes of the garden! With their fuzzy little bodies, they zip from flower to flower, carrying pollen. They help plants grow fruits and flowers, turning the world into a colourful buffet for everyone.

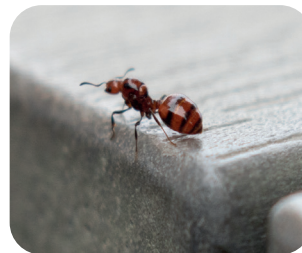
4. These insects are the ultimate team players, working together like a tiny army to build, solve problems, and carry things way bigger than themselves. With their secret signals and teamwork magic, they can take on challenges that would leave most creatures scratching their heads.

6. This creature is a master of versatility with its many legs that can move faster than a race car. Whether climbing, crawling, or building intricate designs, the animal adapts to any challenge with precision and power, making it the ultimate multi-tasker.

8. This little creature has a superpower that lets it stretch, bend, and twist its body in the most unbelievable ways.



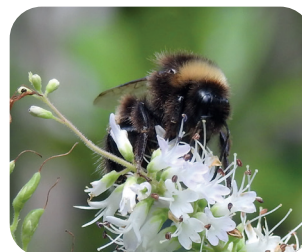
**A. Huhu Beetle:**  
**The Recycling Rockstar**



**C. Ant:**  
**The Collective Hive Mind**



**E. Red Admiral Butterfly:**  
**Chromatic Illusions**



**G. Bees:**  
**The Pollen Party Pros**



**B. Centipede:**  
**The Multi-Limb Marvel**



**D. Looper Caterpillar:**  
**Elastic Evolution**



**F. Pūriri Moth:**  
**Bio Architect Mastery**



**H. Wētāpunga:**  
**Mega Muncher**