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Fireflies

Fireflies, also called lightning bugs, are insects that can make light. This light is created by a chemical reaction inside the abdomen. Fireflies use their light to attract mates, communicate with other fireflies, and protect themselves from predators. The light may appear as quick flashes or a soft glow.

Fireflies live in many parts of the world, especially in warm, humid areas. They are usually seen at night during the summer when they come out to mate and find food. Some types of fireflies are known for their synchronized flashing, where thousands of individual fireflies flash in unison, creating a light show.

 What is a firefly? What else are fireflies called?

 Where do fireflies live?

 Why do fireflies produce light?

 How do fireflies produce light?

 What does the word "synchronized" mean in the last sentence?

