

Tiny but Important



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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age-appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open-source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

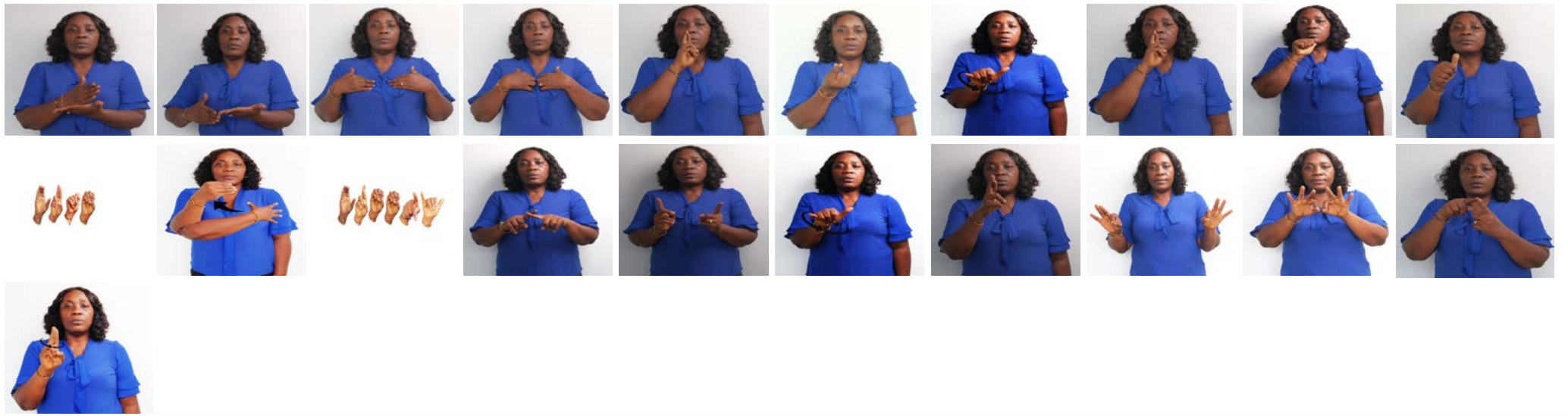
The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

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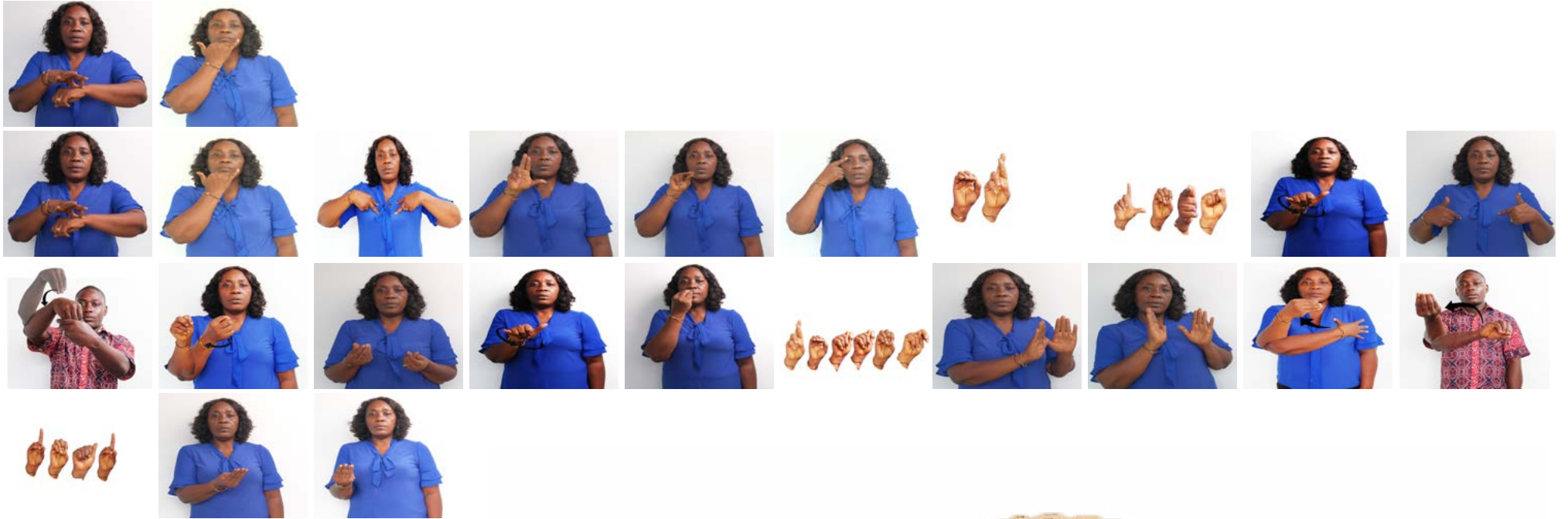
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Some animals are tiny. They are not cute and are creepy. But they are important to us.



Earthworm

Earthworms have no eyes or legs. They live in the soil. They eat rotten leaves and other dead materials.

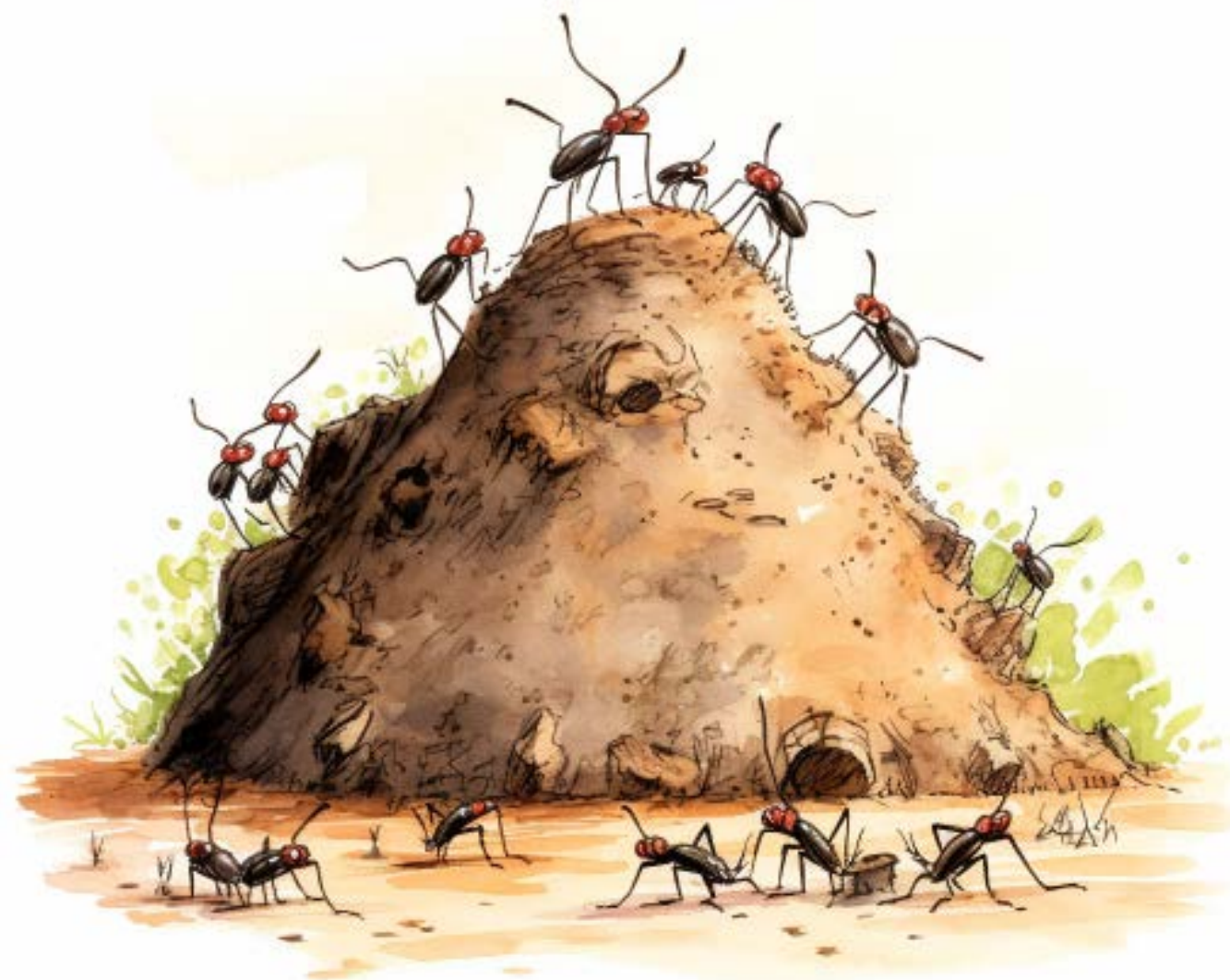


They break up the soil by burrowing through it. The soil now can get water, air, and minerals. These help plants to grow well.



Ants

Ants are insects that live in and on the soil. They usually live in a large group called colony.



Ants also help to break up the soil. They eat leaves and other plant matters. They also eat dead animals. These make the soil rich for plants to grow.



Millipedes

Millipedes are also called thousand legs. They have hundreds of legs but not a thousand. They are in the same group with cray fish.



They live on top of the soil and in the soil. They also eat plant matters and dead animals. They help to make the soil rich, too.

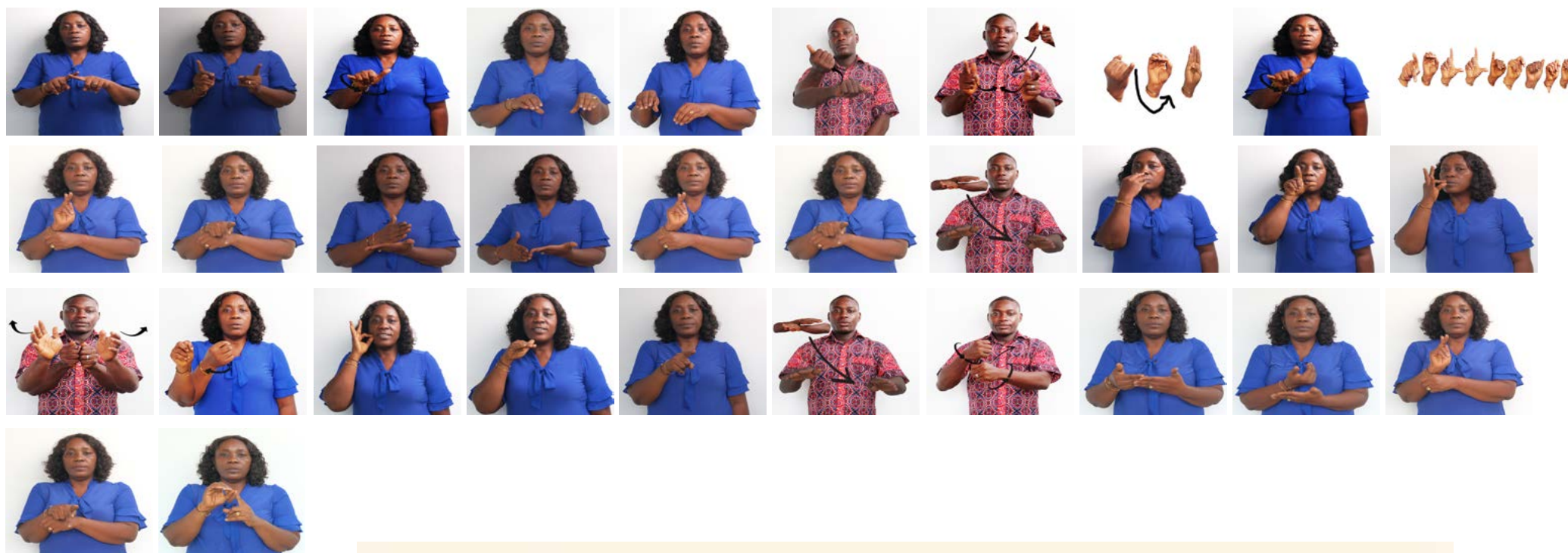


Honey Bees

Honey bees are insects. They make honey. Honey bees use pollen from flowers to make honey.



But they do another big job. They pollinate plants. Some plants won't bear fruits without the honey bees. These won't make more new plants, too.



Ladybugs

Ladybugs are insects called beetles. They are brightly colored. They are mainly red with black dots.



Ladybugs are important to farmers and gardeners. They eat other insects that harm plants.



Praying Mantis

Praying mantises are insects. They may look scary but are important to us. They also eat bugs and other insect pest.

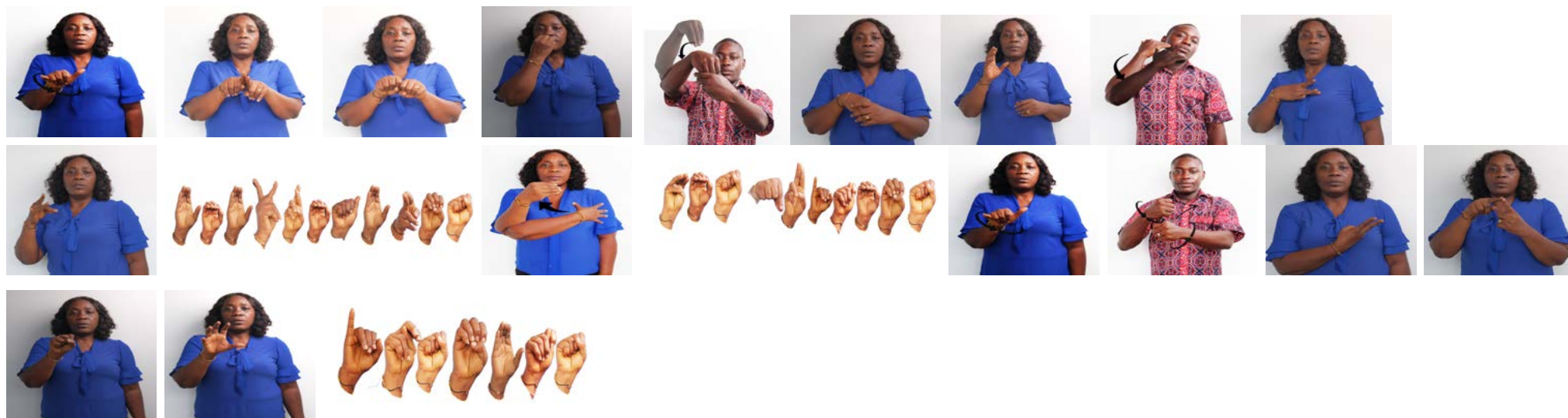


Spiders

Spiders are not insects. They are grouped with scorpions. Spiders are important to the earth. They eat insects that harm crops.



They also eat pest in our homes like cockroaches and mosquitoes. They make web to catch insects.



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Synopsis

There are many tiny creatures all around us. Find out how important they are to us.

