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Whirligig Beetle Quiz

1. Whirligig beetles can _____.
 - a. climb on the surface of rocks
 - b. dig in the soil
 - c. swim on the surface of the water
 - d. walk on land

2. Whirligig beetles usually swim _____.
 - a. in groups on the water surface
 - b. only below the water surface
 - c. only to mate
 - d. in fall but not in spring

3. When they are disturbed, whirligig beetles _____.
 - a. hover over the water's surface
 - b. scurry to hide in the sand
 - c. jump on to a rock
 - d. dive under water

4. In order to watch for prey and predators, the whirligig beetle usually swims _____.
 - a. under leaves to hide
 - b. with half of its body out of the water and half of its body underwater
 - c. completely underwater
 - d. holding all of its body out of the water

5. What helps the whirligig beetle to look under and above the water's surface at the same time?
 - a. a special diving mask
 - b. its two simple eyes on top of its head
 - c. its compound eye is divided into two parts
 - d. protruding eyes

6. While whirling in circles, whirligig beetles _____.
 - a. constantly bump in to each other
 - b. prefer the dark
 - c. are by themselves
 - d. rarely bump in to each other

7. Short, paddle-like back legs help whirligig beetles to _____.
 - a. swim at a rate of 50-60 strokes a minute
 - b. crawl out of the water
 - c. grasp prey
 - d. land safely

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8. To help them catch prey, whirligig beetle larvae _____.
- a. spin webs
 - b. have long, thin front legs
 - c. inject digestive juices
 - d. use hooks on the tips of their abdomens
9. A whirligig beetle's long front legs are used _____.
- a. for diving fast
 - b. for paddling
 - c. for propelling across the water surface
 - d. for grasping
10. Whirligig beetles are one part of a food chain because they eat insects and _____.
- a. are food for other animals
 - b. eat bacteria
 - c. destroy water weeds
 - d. pollinate flowers

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