

**Nelson is thirsty**

It's afternoon, and the sun is warm. Clouds are singing in the trees. How great it is to be on holiday! A gentle breeze caresses the little Nelson stretched out in the grass, idly dreaming. If only everything could be as peaceful as these beautiful August days...

But he's getting really thirsty! Out in the sun in the countryside, we quickly get dehydrated. Never mind, little Nelson has spotted a spring of clear water down under a rock. He sets off to quench his thirst.

"Please don't drink this water!" cries a little voice.

Nelson looks to the left, to the right, up, down, and sees a little mosquito buzzing round his legs.

"Don't drink from this spring. I've just laid my eggs there! You will swallow my poor little babies. And not just mine. Think of Mrs Frog and Mrs Snail!"

Suddenly the little Nelson isn't so thirsty any more. If he is going to eat eggs, he would rather have these from Grandma's chickens. He quickly goes home, where he can find water - from the tap - which won't harm him.

Did you read carefully?

- What is in the spring water?
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- Which insect is it?
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- Which eggs does the Nelson protect?
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From the drawings below, find and colour in those which relate to the story.



Further study...

Do you know any other things that could contaminate water?

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