Survivor

Today you are no longer human. You and your classmates are newly hatched crickets about to enter the competitive natural world. You will be competing for food, shelter and water. The crickets that survive disease, predation, and parasites will have succeeded and pass on their genes to the next generation. They now contribute to the evolution of the species.

Here is a list of your tasks:

1. **Find food.** You must use your senses to find food to fuel your body.
2. **Find water.** Staying hydrated is the key to survival.
3. **Find shelter.** Once you are in the shelter, the predatory birds cannot see you and you are safe.

You may encounter one or several of these problems:

4. **Predation.** Ms. W and Mrs. Jackson are birds that will be out hunting for their lunch… crickets!!
5. **Disease.** A red X marks that you’ve been infected by disease.
6. **Parasites.** Parasitic wasps lay eggs in cricket bodies. When those eggs hatch they eat the insides of the cricket to find their way out of the body and the cricket dies.