

*Firefly, Firefly,  
Show Me  
My Way*

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# Introduction

Firefly, Firefly, Show Me My Way is a cozy little solo journaling game about finding your way home on a dark night with the help of some friendly fireflies. There are no right or wrong answers.

Wherever the prompts take you, the goal is to relax, enjoy a bit of quiet time with nature, and maybe learn a few things about these amazing little creatures that light up the night.

When the game begins, you discover that you've gotten lost, and night is falling fast.



## How to Play

All you need are a few things:

- Something to write with
- One 4-sided die (or a digital dice roller) — optional
- A sense of wonder

On each page, you'll find prompts. Some are open-ended and ask you to use your imagination; others have a short table of possible answers. For those, roll a 4-sided die to select an answer, or simply choose whichever speaks to you. Answer each prompt until the fireflies lead you home and your journey is complete!

## Fun Facts

At the bottom of each page, you'll find a little fun fact about fireflies. Each of these is included to provide a bit of insight and context to the prompt.



# Begin Your Journey

Decide how old you are. You might be a child version of yourself, your actual age, or even someone much older.

Now, describe your environment.

Most firefly species live at the margins where forest or field meet water. What kind of water source is nearby? Are you home, or on vacation? What is "home" today?

1	Pond
2	Lake
3	Stream
4	River



1	You live in a house near the woods.
2	You're on a cabin vacation.
3	You're a camper using a tent.
4	You have an RV at a nearby campsite.

What brings you to this place?

1	You were looking for something. (What is it?)
2	You wanted to get some fresh air and exercise.
3	You're avoiding someone or something at home. (What is it?)
4	You wanted to commune with nature.

## Did You Know?

There are more than 2,000 species of firefly worldwide. Fireflies are found all over the world, on every continent except Antarctica. And despite the name, they are not flies at all, but beetles!



You look up from what you were doing and realize that you've lost track of time... and lost track of the trail to get home. You weren't planning to be out this long, and now it's getting dark.

You have no light source, and no way to contact home. Why is this?

1	You forgot your phone at home.
2	You have your phone, but the battery has died and you don't have a charger.
3	You lost your phone somewhere earlier today and just now realized it.
4	You intentionally left your phone at home so you wouldn't be disturbed.



What's the sky like tonight?

1	Clear and gorgeous, with stars everywhere but no moon.
2	Cloudy. There would be moonlight, but you can't see it.
3	Partly clear, but only a crescent moon is visible.
4	Overcast and gloomy.

#### Did You Know?

Firefly light shows are mating acts; each species has a specific light pattern that they use to communicate with each other. Firefly populations are threatened by light pollution; outdoor lights prevent fireflies from seeing each other's flashes, which makes it hard for fireflies to find mates.



You look around, trying to decide what to do next, and thinking about how you got here.

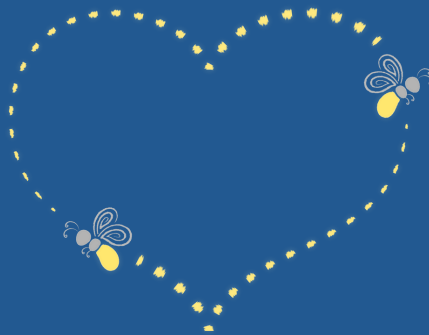
Earlier today, you did something nice for nature—and nature noticed. What was it?

1	Picked up trash left behind by careless travelers here before you.
2	Helped a bird or animal that was in distress. (What was it? How did you help?)
3	Stayed on established trails so you wouldn't cause damage to the flora.
4	Took nothing but photos and memories, left only footprints.

One by one, flickers of light begin to appear in the darkness. At first, you take no special note of the display beyond its beauty. And it *IS* beautiful! But as you watch, the bits of light grow more numerous, and take shape before you. Fireflies are getting into formation, just for you!

What color is the light? What shape do the fireflies make?

1	Blue
2	Green
3	Orange
4	Yellow



1	Arrow
2	Heart
3	Sphere
4	Square

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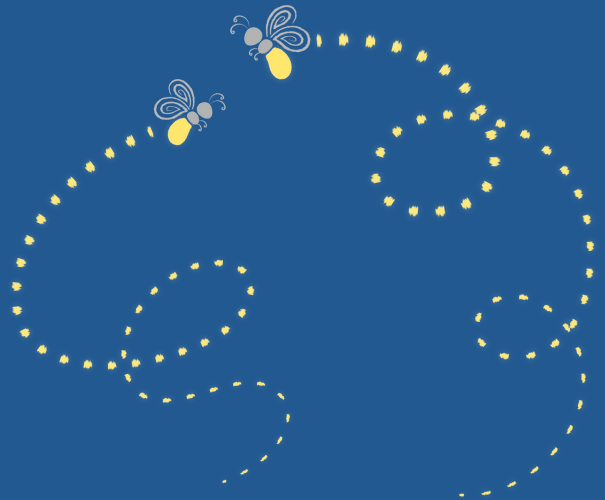
Fireflies' lights are the most efficient lights in the world. 100% of the energy from the chemical reaction goes towards creating light rather than heat. By comparison, the average incandescent lightbulb releases 90% of its energy as heat and 10% as light.





The fireflies hover until they're sure that they have your attention, and then — still in formation — they fly off in a specific direction. Do you follow?

1	Yes, immediately
2	Yes, but after some hesitation
3	No, you stay where you are
4	No, you go a different way



If you don't follow, or if you try to go the wrong way, the fireflies swoop around and do everything they can to convince you to change your mind. They refuse to leave until you agree to take their lead, and check often to make sure that you're still with them.

They move faster than you might expect, but slowly enough that you can keep up. Their brilliant glow offers just enough illumination that you are able to safely make your way along the path.

As you make your journey, what sounds do you hear? Are there owls? Wolves? Rustling leaves?



Halfway through the trip, there's a moment when you start to worry because your firefly guides disband their formation and leave. You pause, and wait — and another formation appears! They've switched shifts!

Roll again on the tables on the previous page to determine their color, and what shape they make.

The next time the fireflies leave, you look up and see that you are home, safe and sound. How do you say "thank you" to your guides?

#### Did You Know?

Fireflies help save lives. One of the chemicals in a firefly's tail is luciferase. Luciferase is used for many things, including detecting blood clots, tracking the efficacy of cancer medications, and even for testing food safety.

