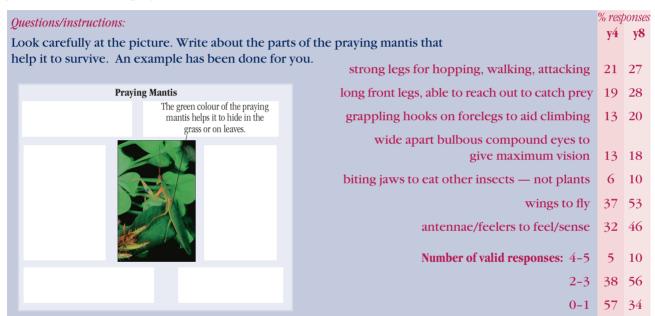
## **Animal Adaptation — Praying Mantis**

Approach: Station Level: Year 4 and year 8

*Focus*: Observe and describe the structural features of a praying mantis that are considered to be adaptive features with survival value.

Resources: Picture of a praying mantis



## Commentary:

Like the last task this was one of the two tasks in the 1999 assessments that was more disliked than liked by the year 8 students. A majority of year 4 students identified less than two adaptive features, as did one third of year 8 students.