



EYFS Home Learning



Before we finished school early, our classes were taking great care of some very, very tiny caterpillars. We watched as they ate the food around them and noticed how they were growing bigger. Some of the caterpillars were moving to the tops of their pots and getting ready for the next stage in their life cycles.



Unfortunately, when we broke up early for half-term, we missed the next stage and it was then the teachers jobs to take them home to carry on the children's hard work of looking after them.



The caterpillars continued to eat and eat, and then they made their way to the tops of their pots to position themselves to form their chrysalis. After a few days the chrysalis' were ready to be transferred into the pavillion and a week after that they were ready to hatch!



Luckily the teachers managed to catch this on [video!](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7__zR_J5Jk



What do you notice about the butterfly?

What do you think will happen next?

(Check back on the channel to see whether footage has been captured of their release! They are very quick when they are ready to go, so it is very difficult to catch it on camera but we will do our best!)

The following are a variety of activities surrounding the life cycle of a butterfly that you and your child can undertake whilst at home. We look forward to seeing what you have created when we see you next! 😊

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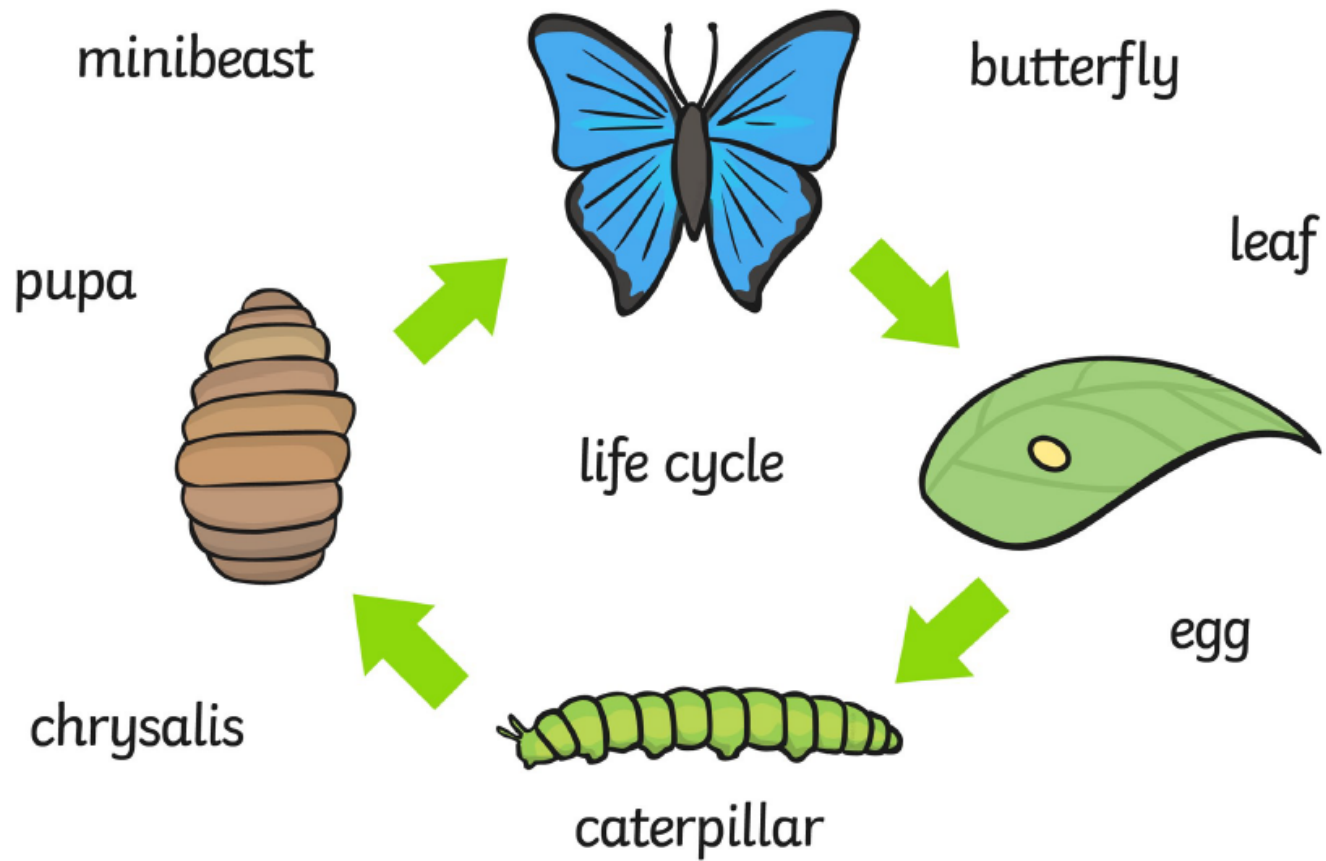


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Butterfly Life Cycle





Aided Language Board



life cycle



egg



caterpillar



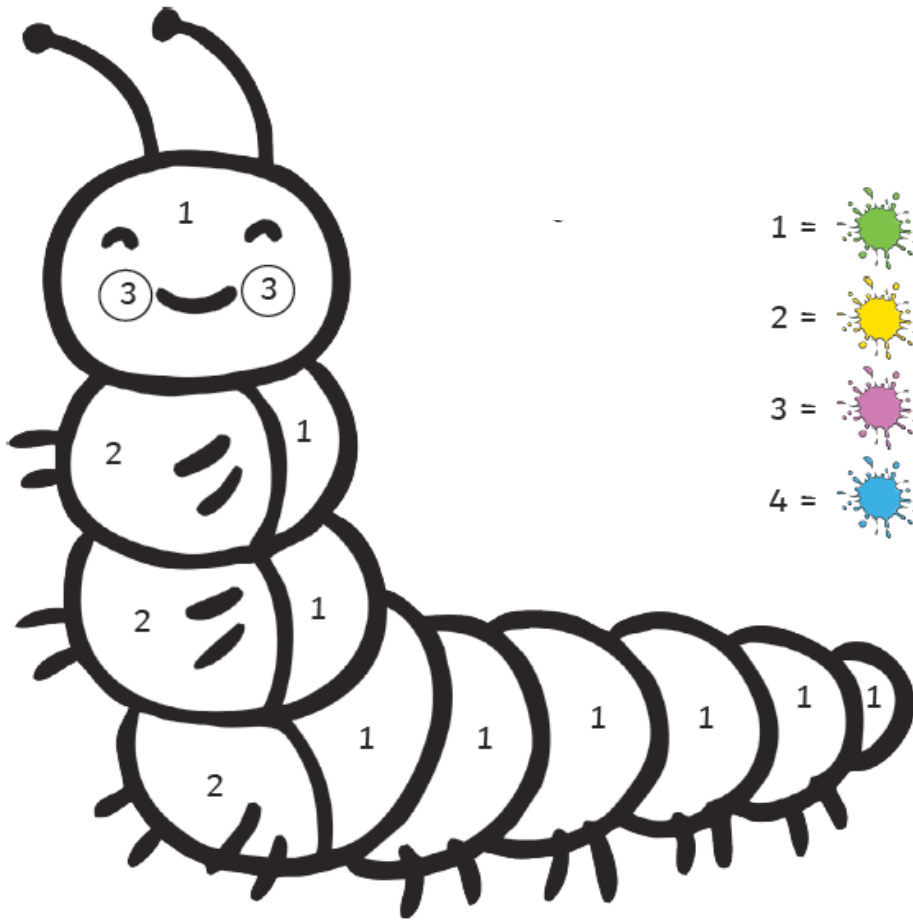
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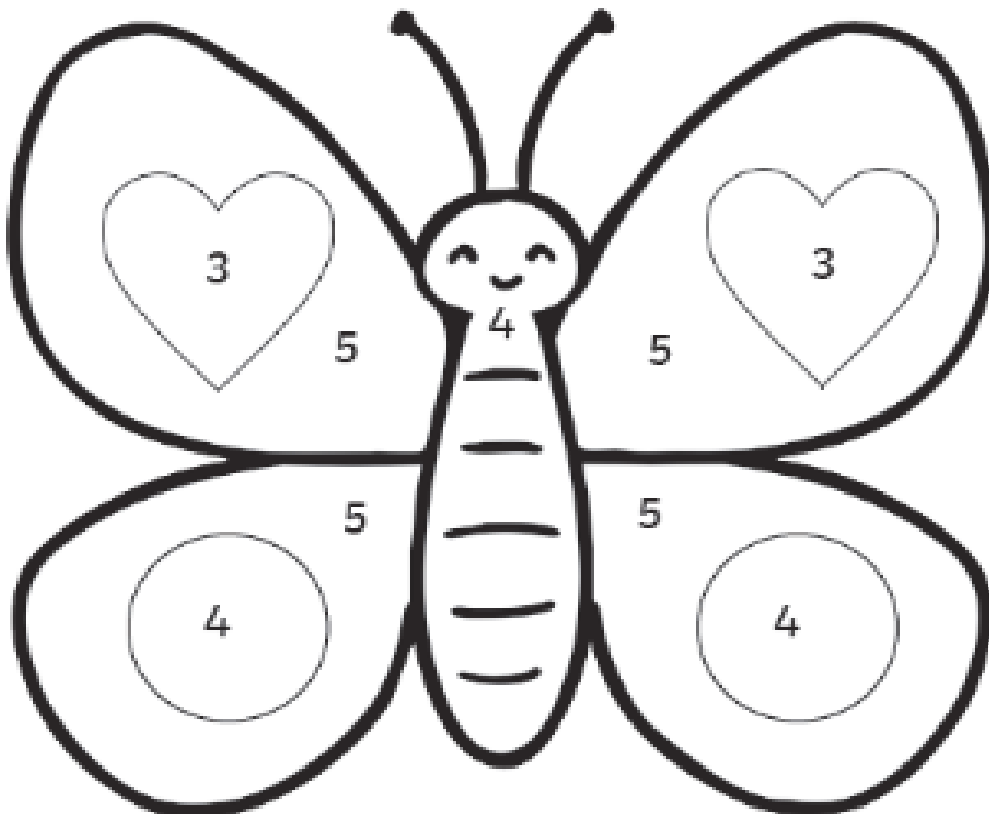
butterfly








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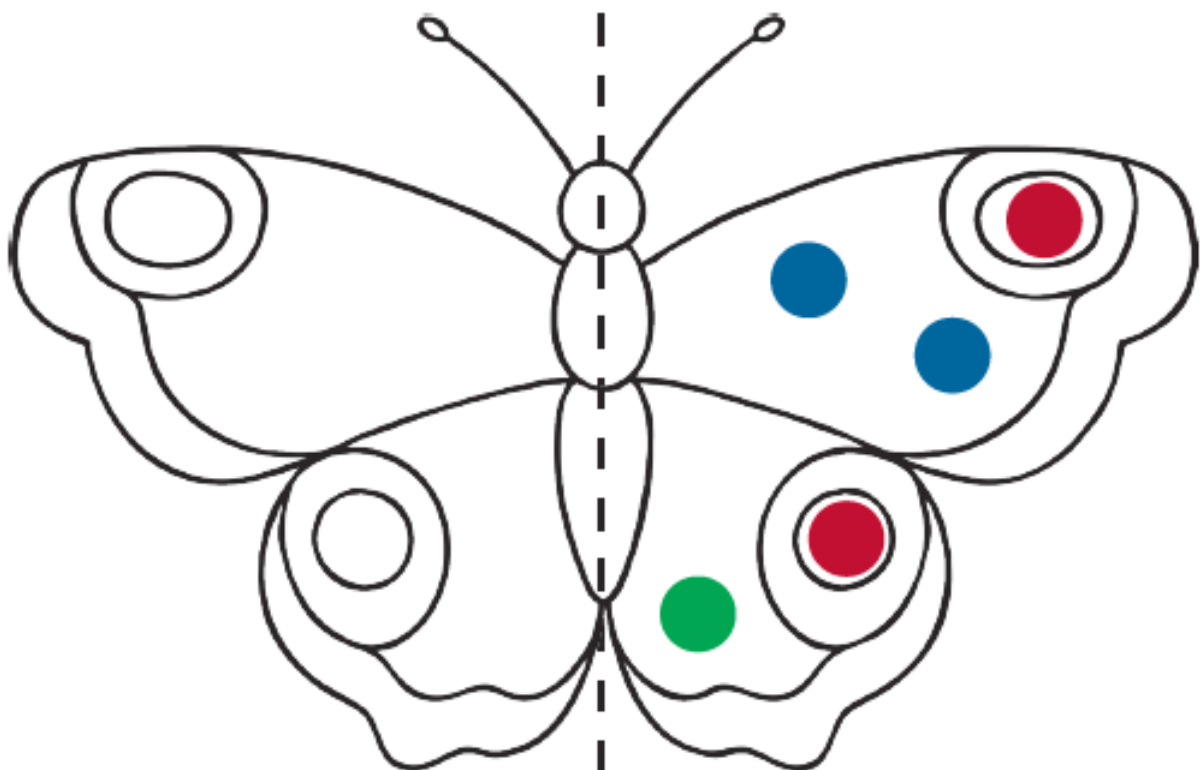
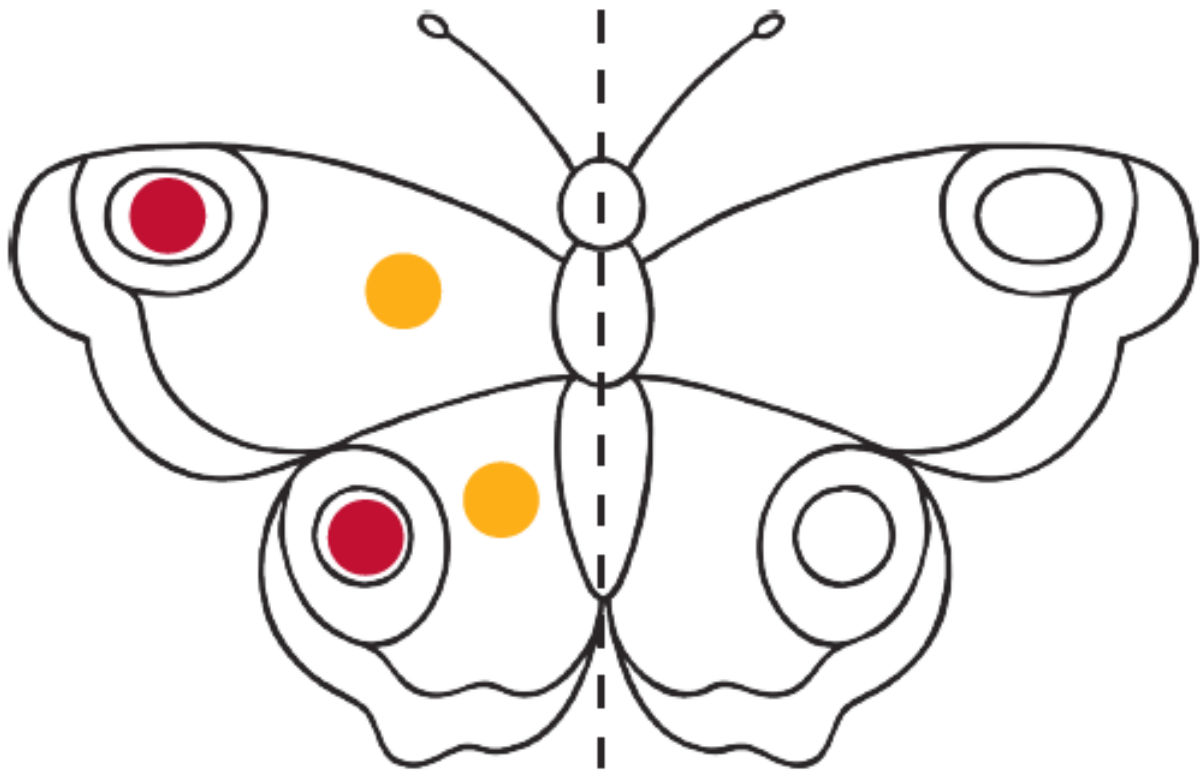


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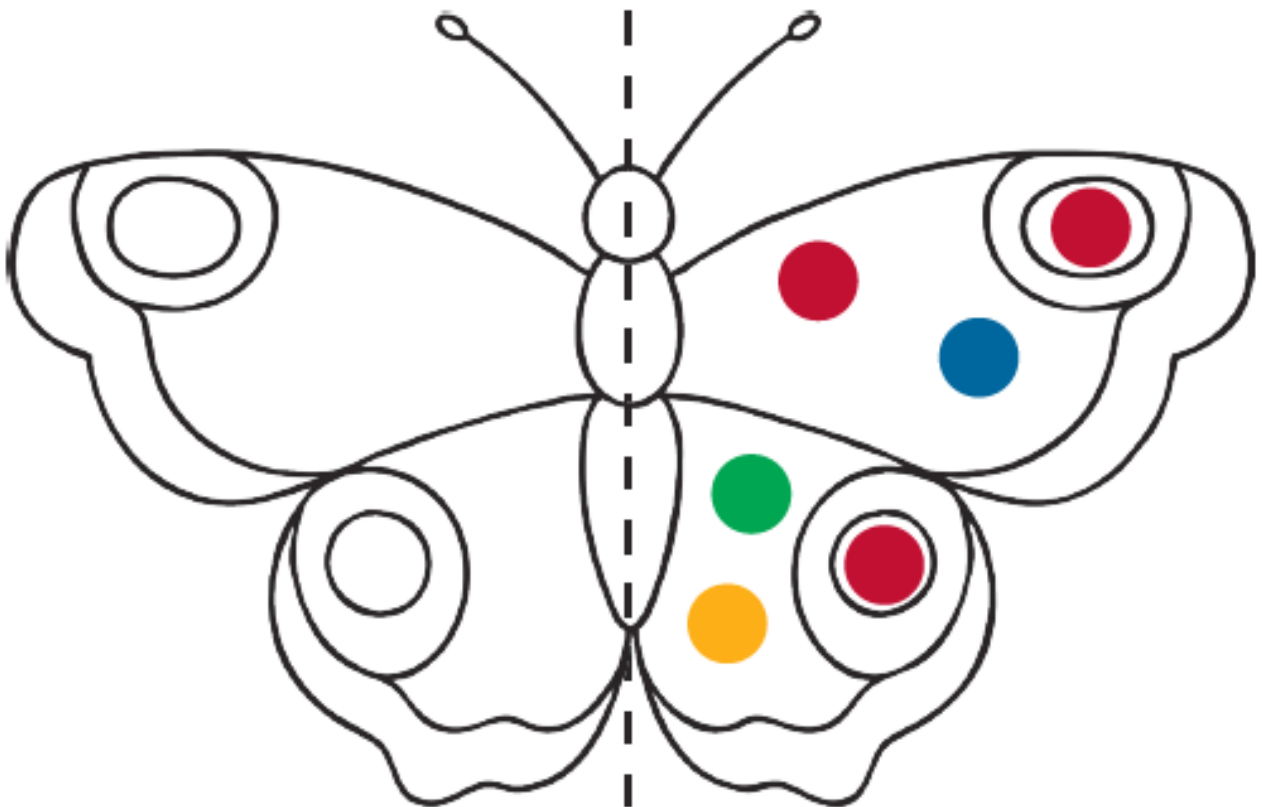
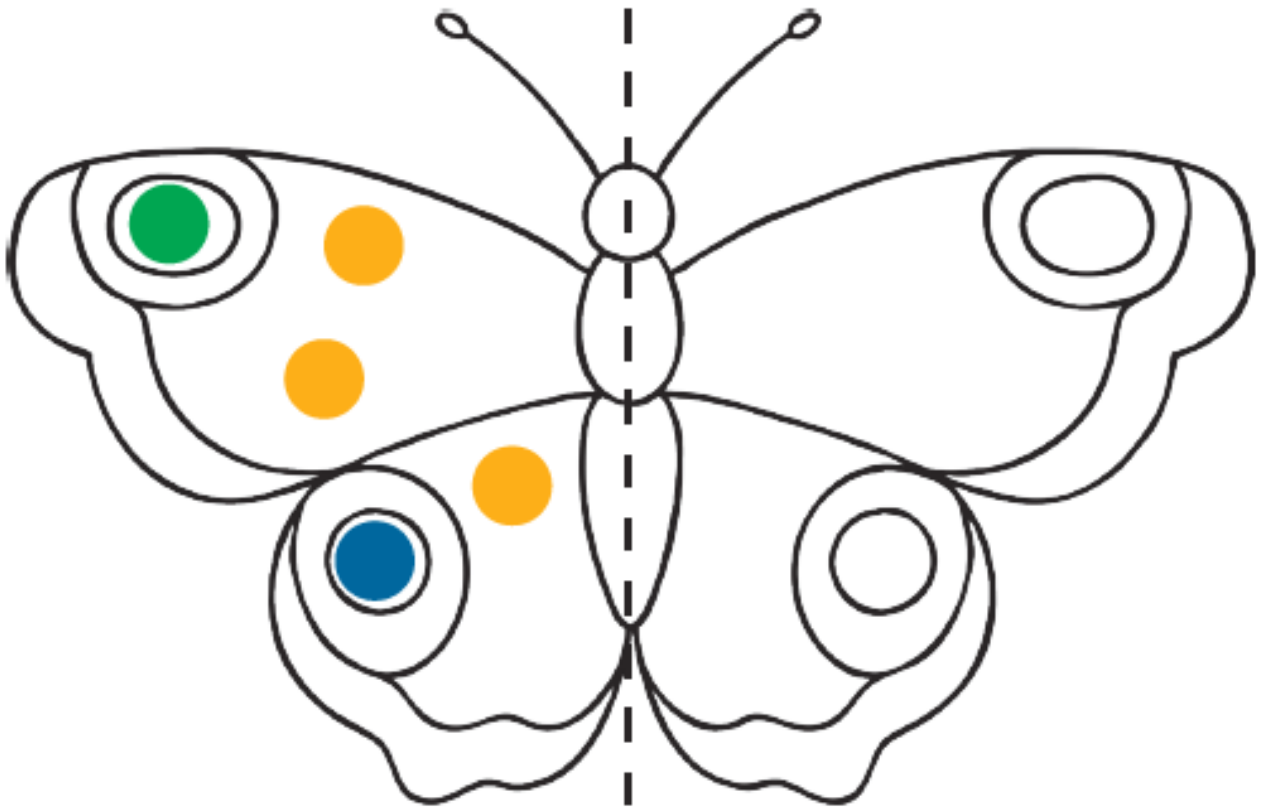
Create a Symmetrical Butterfly

Can you complete these symmetrical patterns?





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Trace the bodies for the caterpillars.
How many pieces can you count?



4







Now draw your own caterpillar.

How many pieces did you use? _____



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Caterpillar Fingerprint Counting

Put the correct number of spots next to each caterpillar face to complete the body.



6



8



3



1



9



7



5



10



2



4



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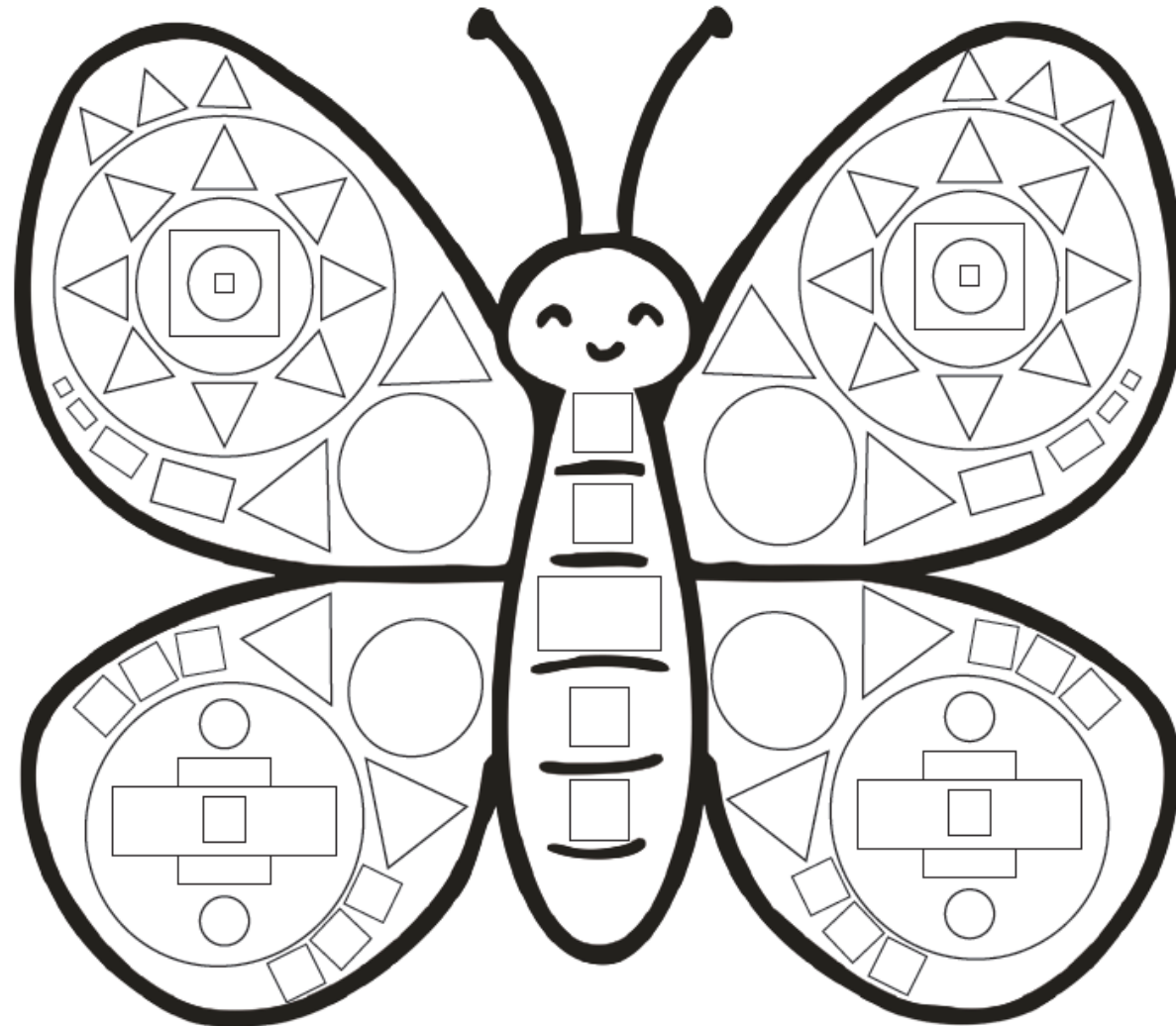
Colour the Shapes

Colour  purple

Colour  pink

Colour  yellow

Colour  blue

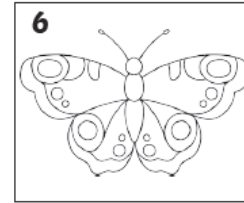
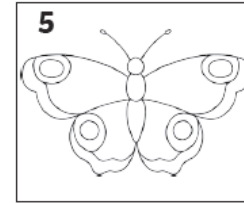
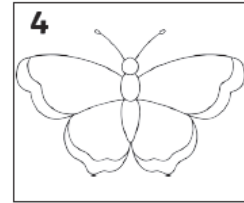
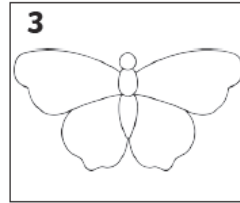
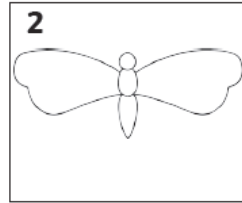
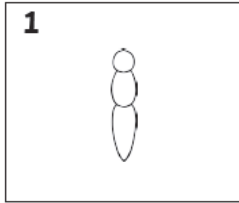




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How to Draw a Butterfly

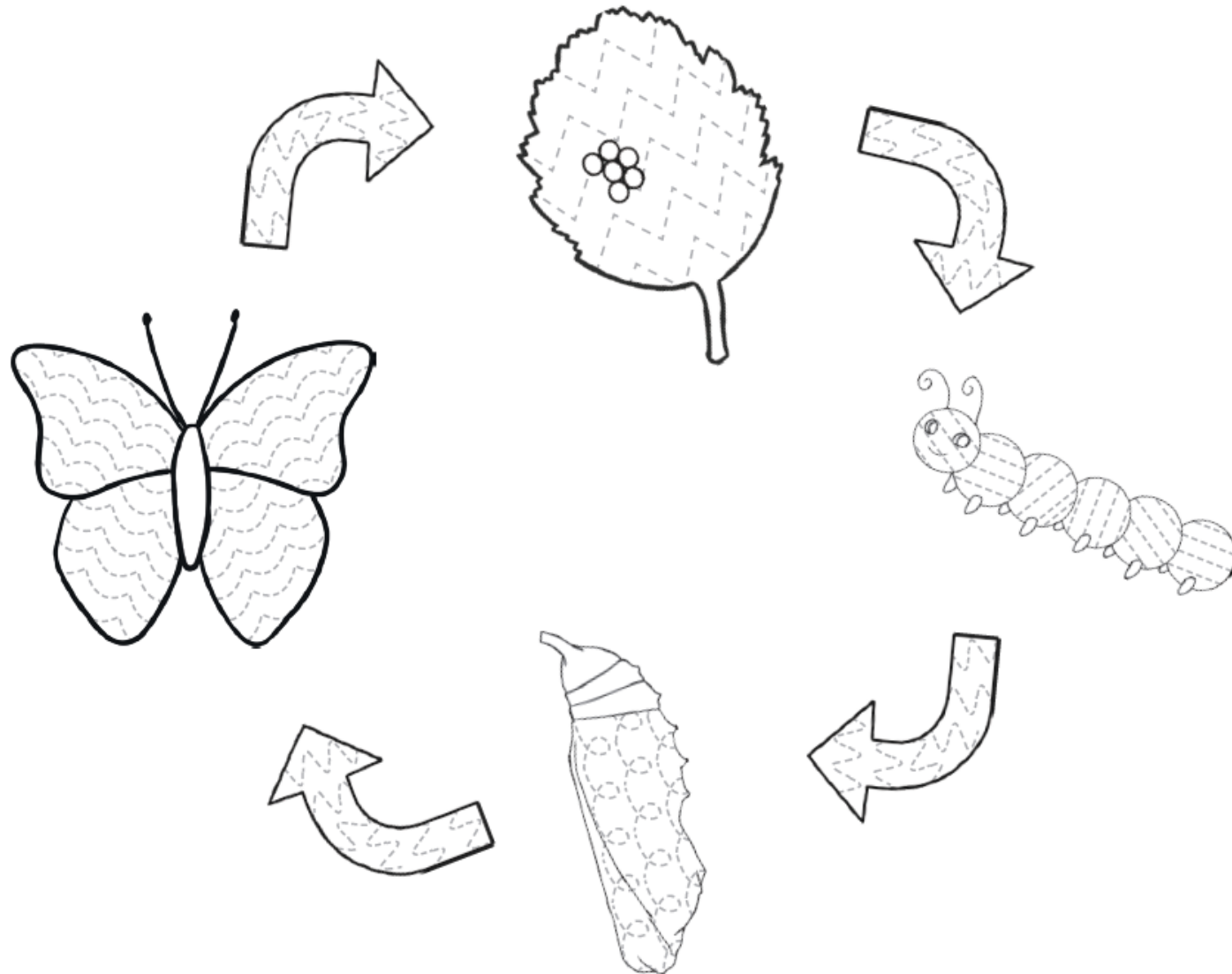




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Butterfly Life Cycle Pattern Tracing Activity

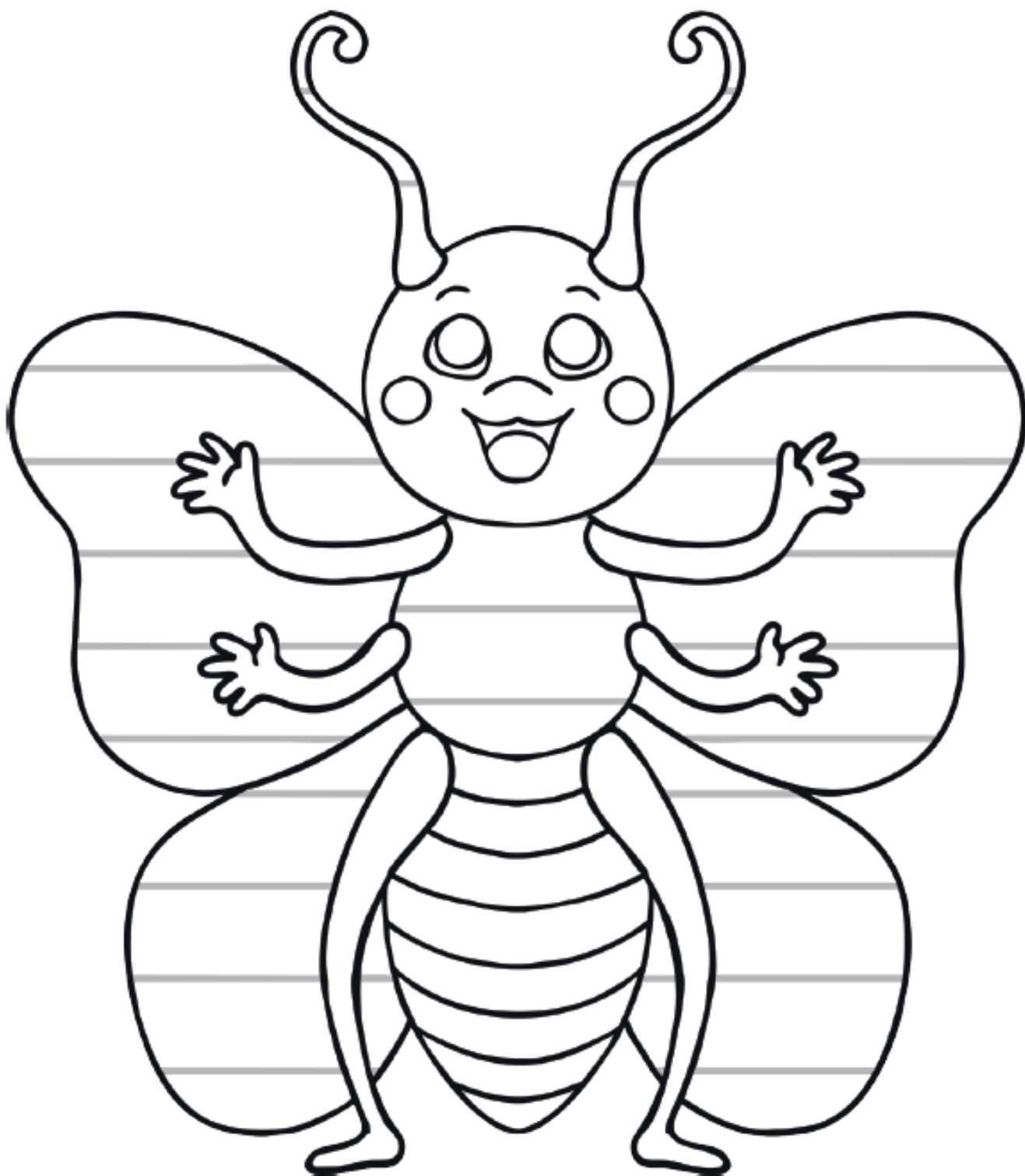




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Mindfulness Colouring Funky Butterfly



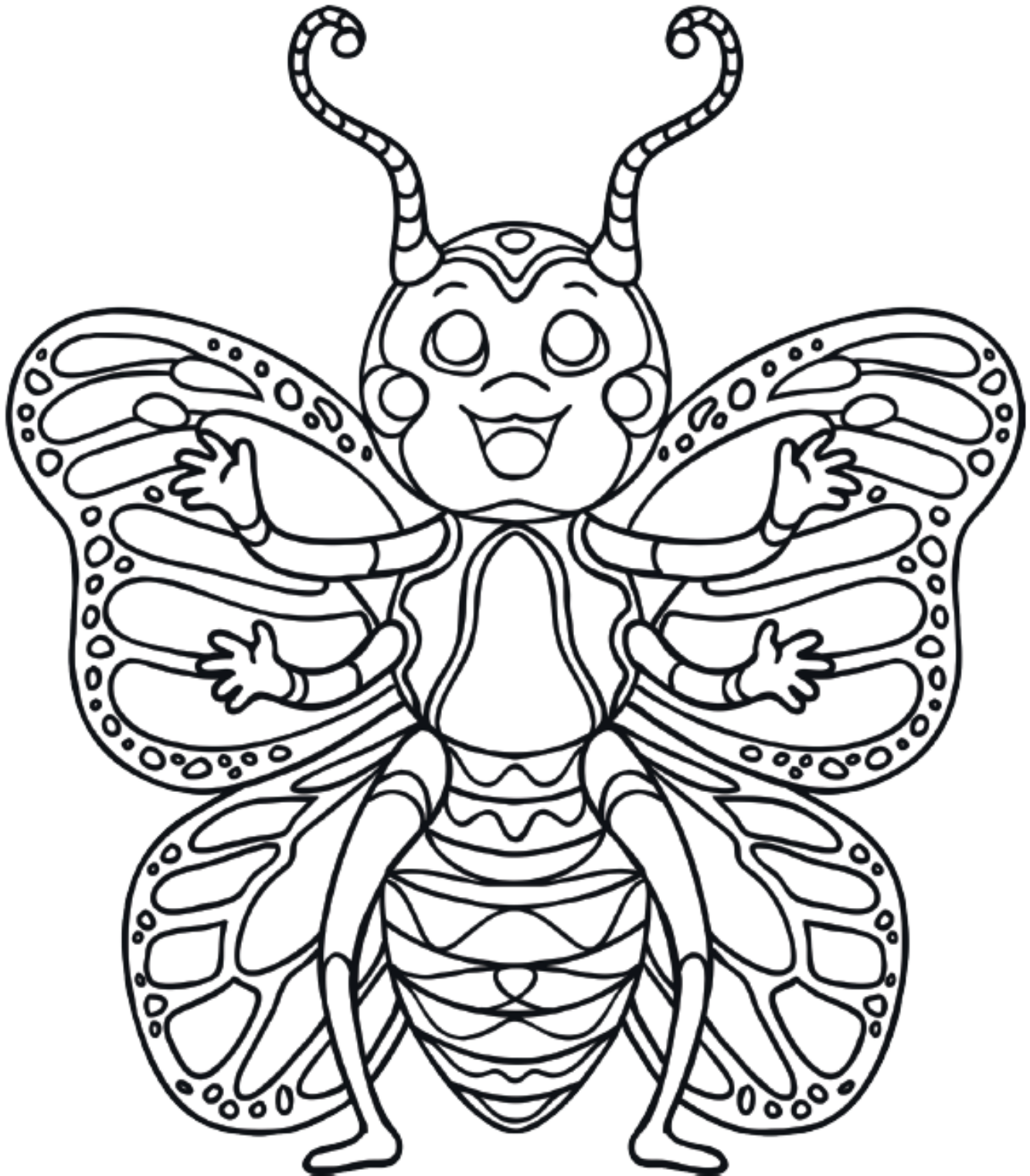


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Mindfulness Colouring

Funky Butterfly





Handprint Butterfly

Supplies

- Paint
- Shallow trays or plates
- A4 Paper
- Butterfly Body Template
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Felt-tip pen
- Wipes



1 First, fold your piece of paper in half, lining up the short sides of the paper. Then open it out again and lay it flat on the table.



4 As butterflies are symmetrical, this means that the other wing needs to look exactly the same! To do this, use your other hand to make 2 or 3 handprints of the same colours and positions as the first wing. Allow the hand prints to dry.



2 Next, spread some paint into one of the plates or trays. Gently press your hand into the paint and then onto the paper, with your thumb next to the fold line.



5 Next, carefully cut out the Butterfly Body Template and stick it along the fold line between the handprint wings.



3 Then, wipe/wash your hand clean and choose a different colour of paint. Use the same hand to make another handprint - just under the first one, again with the thumb near the fold line. You can repeat this with a final colour if you like. One wing is now finished!



6 Finally, stick on 2 googly eyes then draw a mouth and 2 curly antennae.



Paper Plate Butterfly

Supplies

- Paper plate
- Sticky foam shapes
- Coloured paper
- PVA glue
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner



- Sticky tape
- Googly eyes



1 First, fold the paper plate in half and then cut out curved pieces from the top and bottom of the plate, to round the edges.



5 Next, cut a strip of coloured paper for your butterfly's body and stick it down the fold line in the middle of your plate.



2 Next, cut out a triangle from the middle of the plate rim, roughly halfway down. Then open the plate out flat to see your butterfly shape!



6 Then, stick two googly eyes at the top of this strip, for your butterfly's face. You could also draw a mouth!



3 Now you can decorate your butterfly – remember to make it symmetrical, so that both wings are the same! Begin by sticking some of the foam shapes onto one wing (side of the plate).



7 Finally, fold a pipe cleaner in half and use sticky tape to stick it to the back of your butterfly's face, for its antennae.



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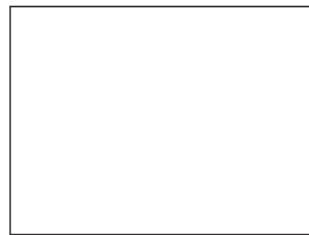
Life Cycle of a Butterfly



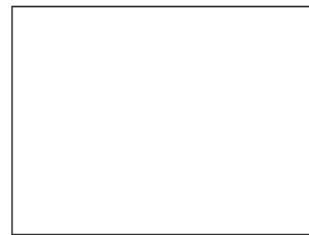
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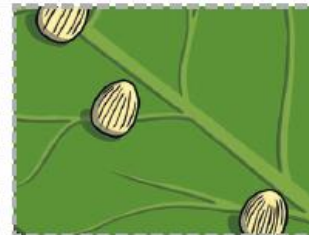
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chrysalis



caterpillar

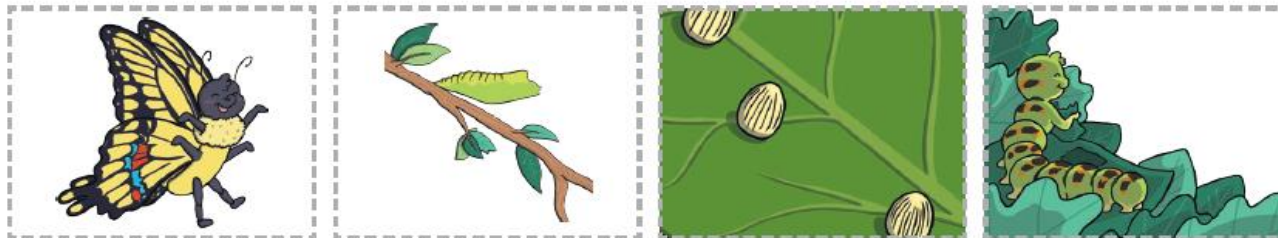
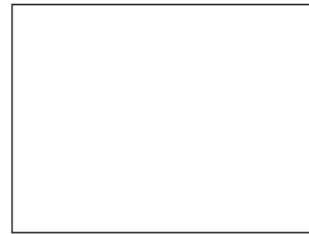
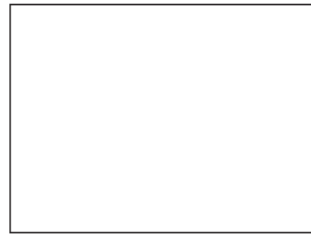
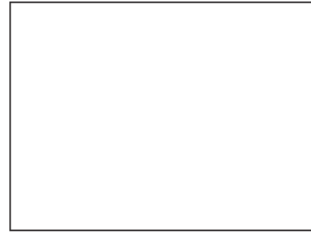




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Life Cycle of a Butterfly



Can you use your sounds to label each stage?



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Life Cycle of a Butterfly

A diagram for the life cycle of a butterfly, consisting of four empty square boxes arranged in a 2x2 grid. The boxes are connected by curved arrows: a top arrow from the top-left box to the top-right box, a right arrow from the top-right box to the bottom-right box, a bottom arrow from the bottom-right box to the bottom-left box, and a left arrow from the bottom-left box to the top-left box. Each box is flanked by five horizontal lines for writing.

Draw a picture for each stage.

Can you use your sounds to write a sentence?



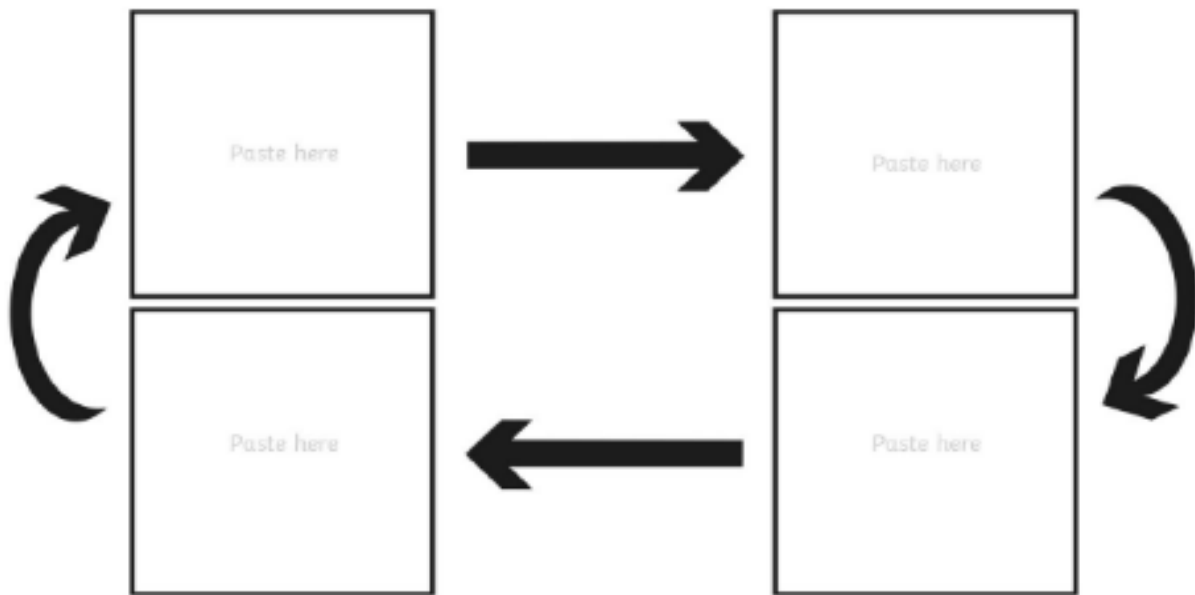
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Butterfly Life Cycle

Cut and paste the life cycle of a butterfly into the correct order.



Write a few sentences about the butterfly life cycle.

Butterfly



Chrysalis



Egg



Caterpillar





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Life Cycle of a Butterfly Writing Activity

Write a sentence about each part of the life cycle of a butterfly.
Use the boxes at the top to help you.

eggs



butterfly



leaf



caterpillar



chrysalis



sound it out

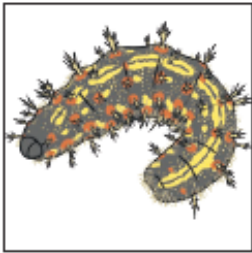


finger spaces



full stop













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Life Cycle of a Butterfly Writing Activity


Write about the life cycle of a butterfly by looking at the picture.
Use the boxes at the top to help you.


eggs 


caterpillar 


butterfly 

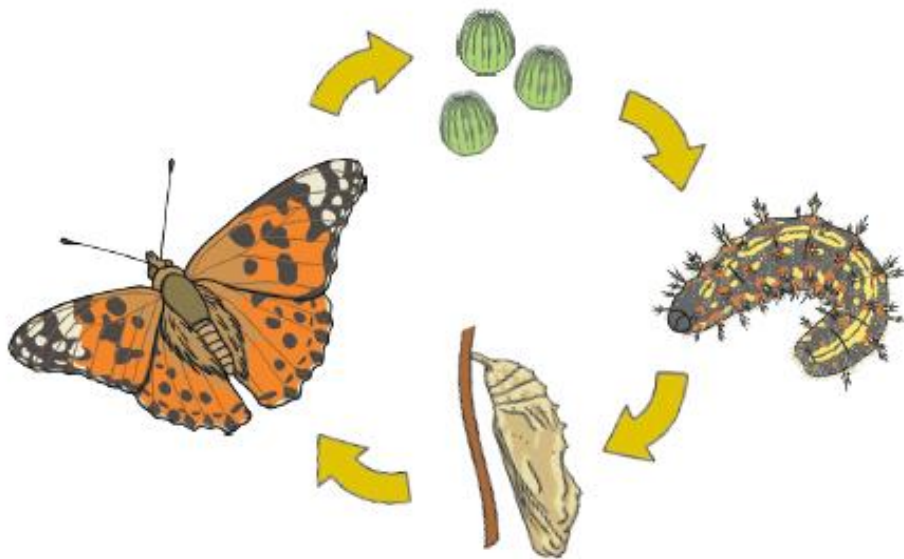
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leaf 

 sound it out

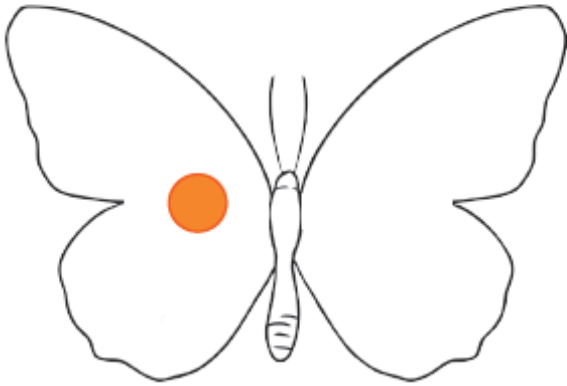
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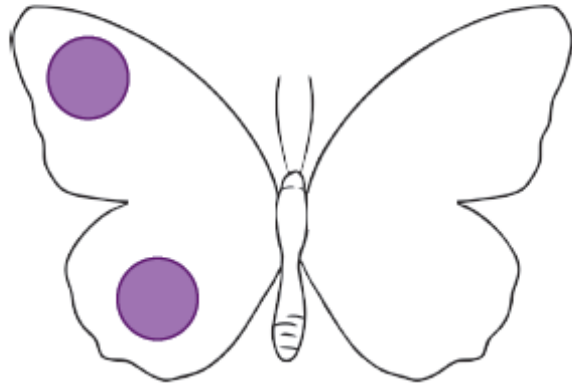




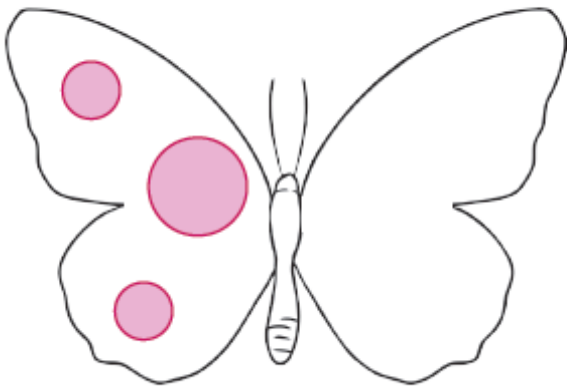
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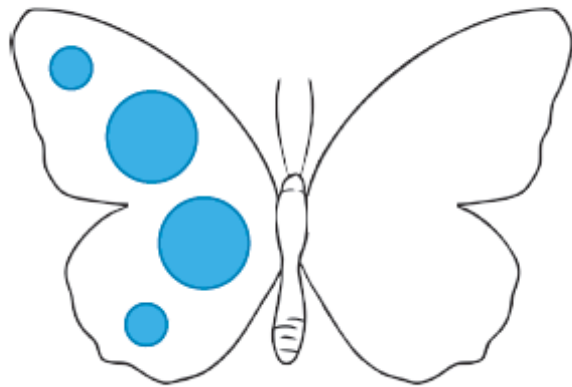
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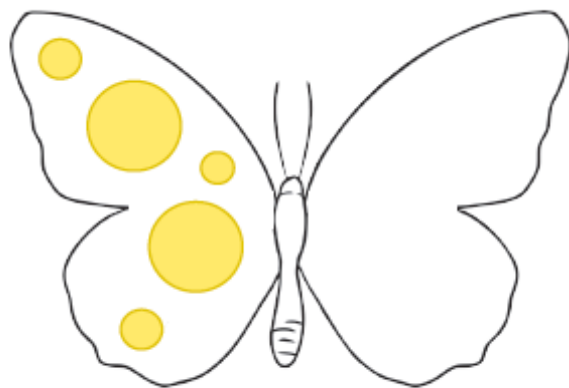
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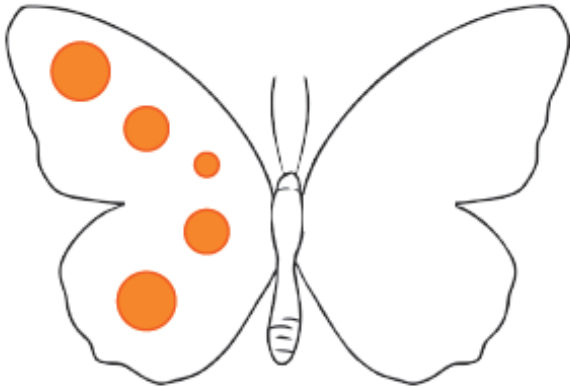
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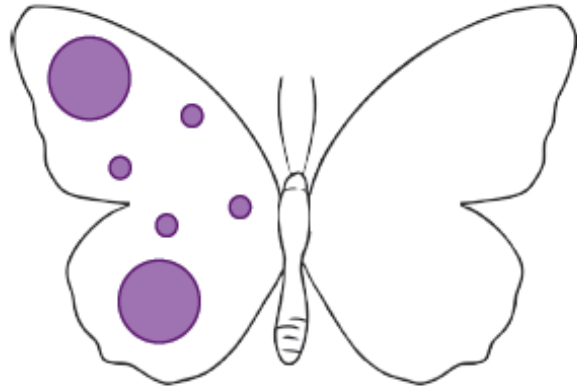
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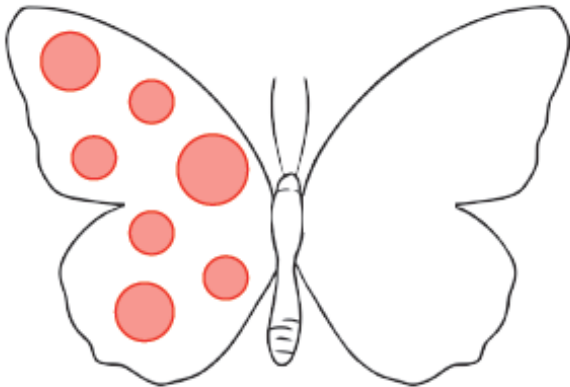
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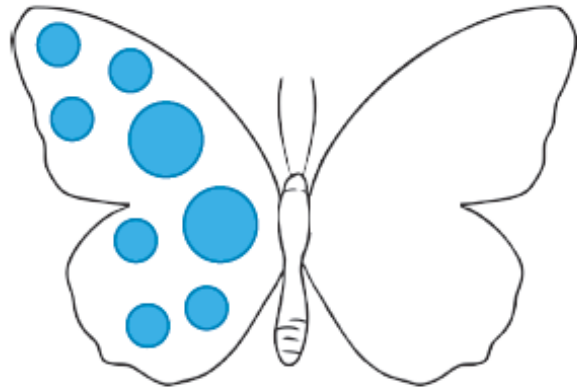
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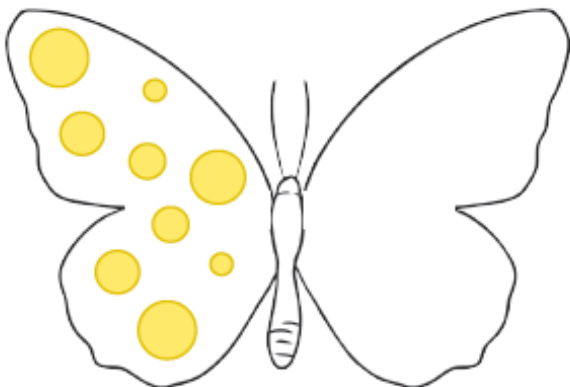
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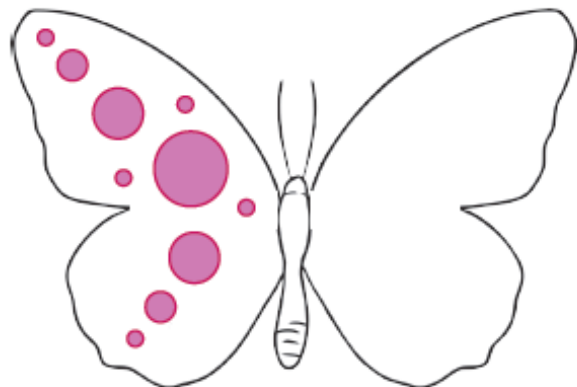
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Double 8 is _____



Double 9 is _____



Double 10 is _____

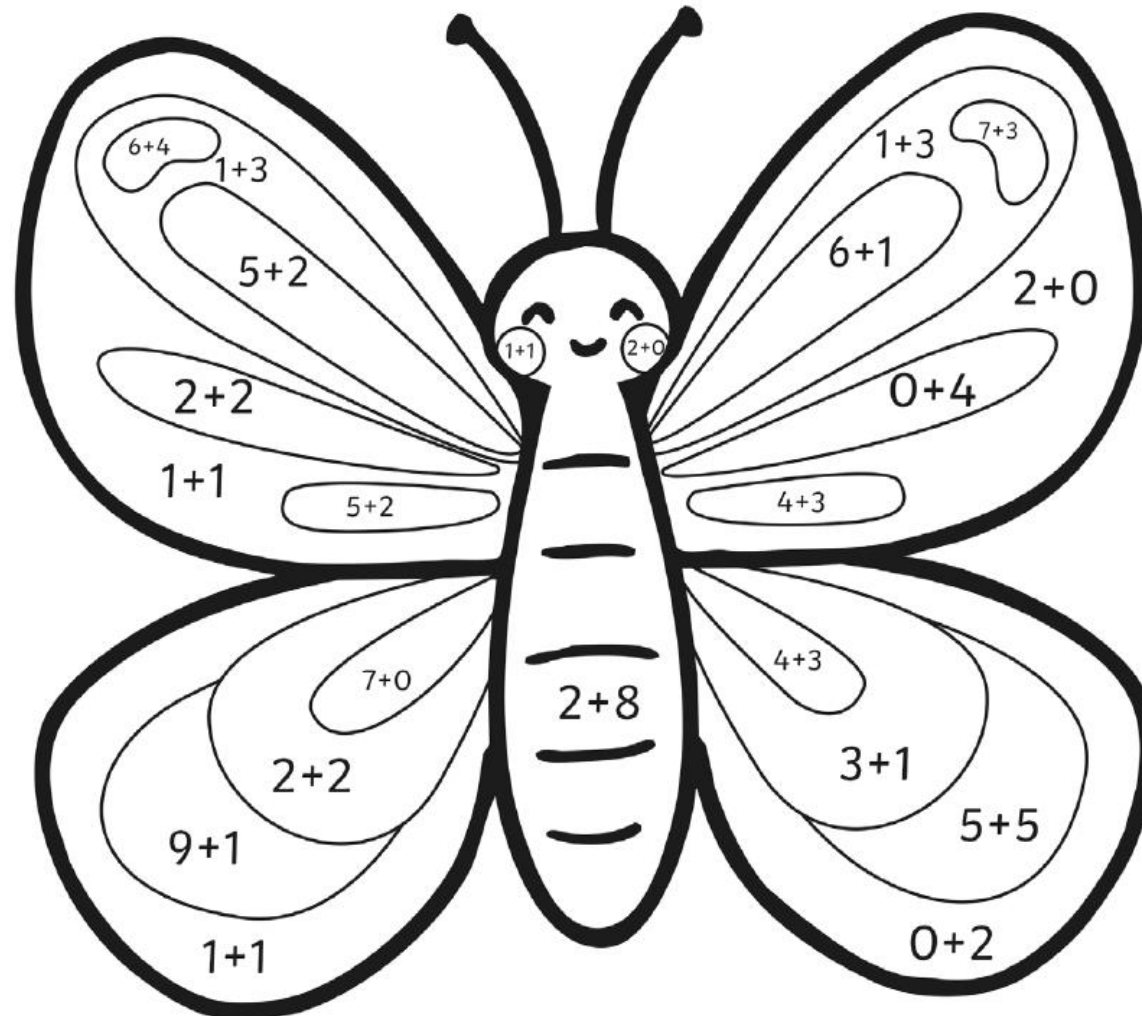


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Minibeast Colour by Number Addition Up to 10

Solve the calculations in the picture to work out what colours they should be!



- 2 = Red ●
- 4 = Blue ●
- 7 = Black ●
- 10 = Yellow ●



Butterfly Addition Puzzle

Do you know which colours to use?



Orange



Yellow



Brown



Blue



Add the numbers to find out which colour to use.

3+2

10+10

10+1

20+0

16+4

3+5

17+3

6+5

19+1

5+15

0+5

2+3



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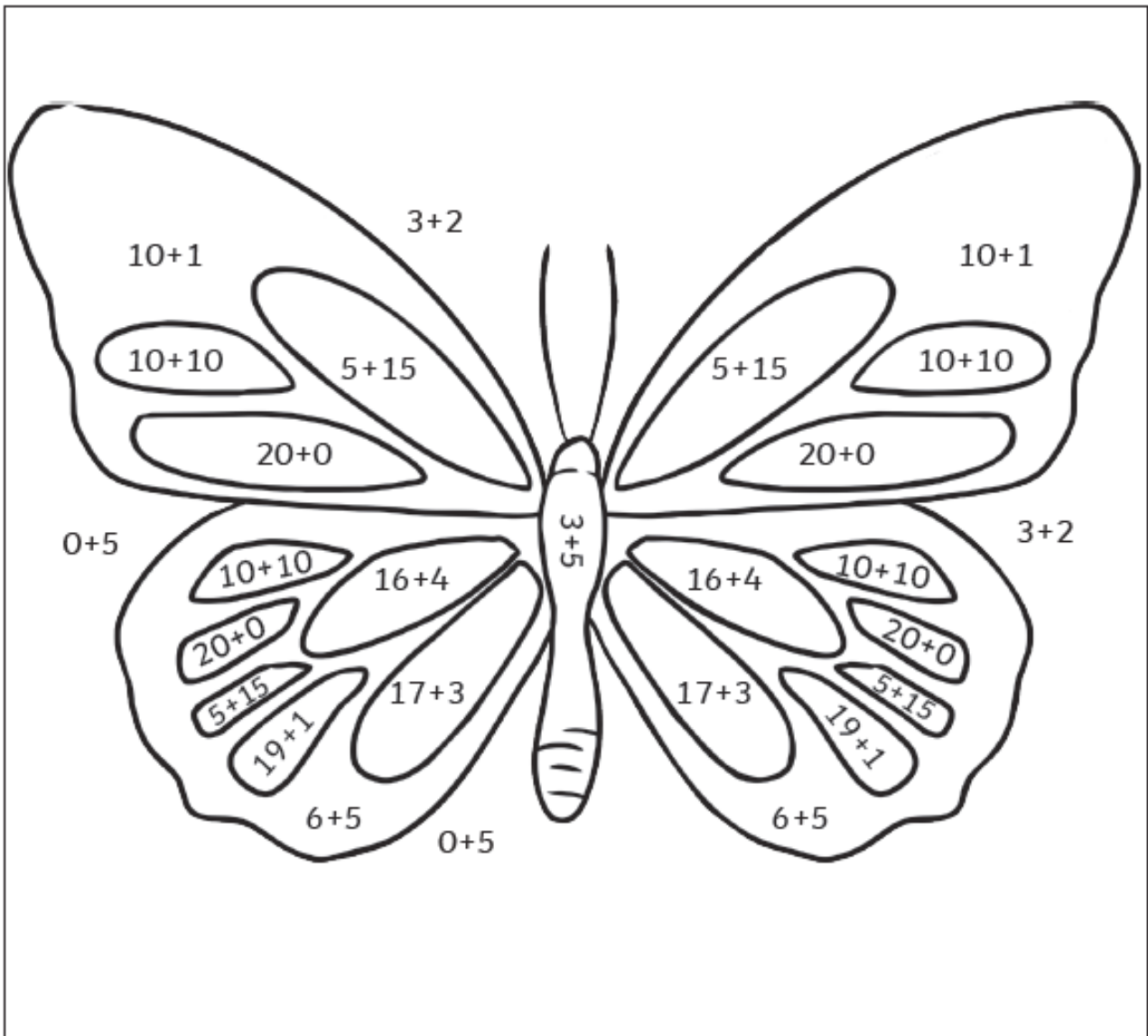


Butterfly Colour by Number

Addition up to 20

Solve the calculations in the picture to work out what colours they should be!

20 = orange ● 11 = yellow ● 8 = brown ● 5 = blue ●





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Butterfly Checklist

comma
butterfly



gatekeeper
butterfly



green-veined
white
butterfly



holly blue
butterfly



large white
butterfly



meadow
brown
butterfly



orange-tip
butterfly



painted lady
butterfly



peacock
butterfly



red admiral
butterfly



small
tortoiseshell
butterfly



speckled
wood
butterfly



Have you spotted any butterflies whilst outside? What butterflies have you spotted?

Use this checklist to keep track!

Can you spot the type of butterfly we had?



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This is a picture of the butterfly that one of our caterpillars grew into. Can you identify the type of butterflies we had?

Answer below!

(Answer: It is a painted lady butterfly!)

Can you create a fact file for the caterpillar /butterfly?

Here are some questions you could find the answers to:

Where does it live?

What does it eat?

Can you find out an interesting fact?



Painted Lady Butterfly

The painted
lady butterfly
lives

The butterfly

The painted lady butterfly








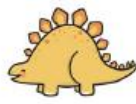





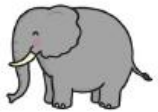











Suitable for Reception (or Nursery adult to scribe)

A colorful illustration of a forest scene. It features green trees, a brown tree trunk, a blue stream, and a brown vine with green leaves. The scene is set against a light blue sky and green grass.

A writing template consisting of four white boxes with rounded corners, overlaid on the forest illustration. The top box is a single horizontal line. The second box is a vertical column of seven horizontal lines. The third box is a vertical column of three horizontal lines. The fourth box is a large vertical column of five horizontal lines.

Support and Examples

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My Phase 2 Sound Mat



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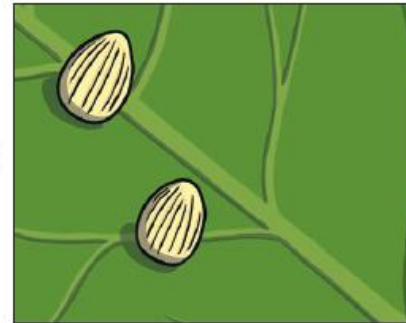
My Phase 3 Sound Mat



Life Cycle of a Butterfly Answers

Children will have drawn their own pictures and written their own explanation.

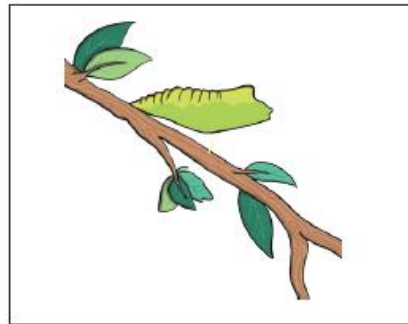
A butterfly comes out of the chrysalis.



A butterfly lays its eggs on a leaf.



The caterpillar changes itself into a chrysalis.



A caterpillar hatches from the egg.



Painted Lady Butterfly

The painted lady butterfly lives in every country in the world! Apart from the Arctic and Australia.



The butterfly drinks nectar from flowers.

The painted lady butterfly flies to the United Kingdom all the way from Africa in late spring!

A Message to Parents/Carers

Please remember that these are suggested activities that you can do with your child surrounding the topic that we would have covered at school. If you do not have access to a printer etc., then please do not worry.

As an alternative, if you wish, you can complete these activities on any spare bit of paper with drawings etc., or even with chalk outside and take pictures of what your child has explored.

We understand that these are unprecedented and difficult times, however we hope that if a silver lining can be drawn from this, is that it has given you as families quality time to share together.

We, as teachers, however do miss your children very much and hope to see them and all that they have explored very soon. Stay safe.

Love from the EYFS team x

