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Phonetic Concepts Practiced

Words with more than one vowel pattern
 (different)

Words with more than one suffix
 (soundlessly)

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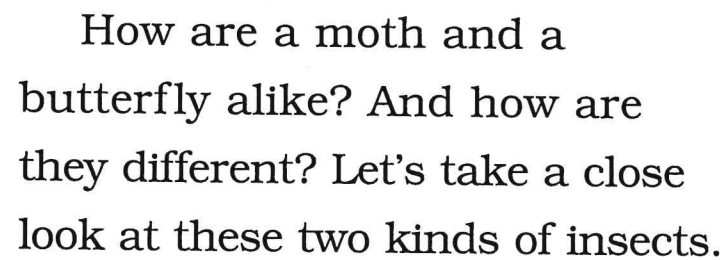
The Moth and the Butterfly



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1. Teachers should see that the pupil's name is clearly written in ink in the spaces above in every book issued.
2. The following terms should be used in recording the condition of the book: New; Good; Fair; Poor; Bad.





Here are some of the ways they are alike. Both the moth and the butterfly are flying insects. Both have two pairs of wings.



The wings on the moth and the butterfly have small scales on them. The wings are often beautifully colored.

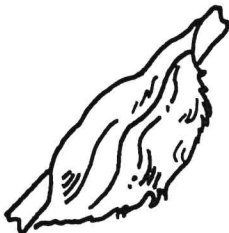
Stage 1:
Egg



Stage 2:
Caterpillar



Stage 3:



Will turn into
a moth



Will turn into
a butterfly

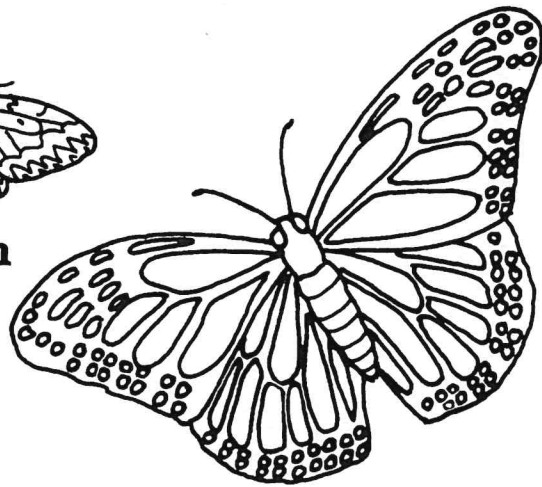
The moth and the butterfly go through the same three stages.

1. They start as eggs.
2. A caterpillar hatches from each egg.
3. The caterpillar eats and grows a lot, then it changes. It covers itself inside a hard shell.

At this third stage, the moth and the butterfly seem very still on the outside. But, soundlessly, they are changing a lot inside. They are turning into ...



a moth



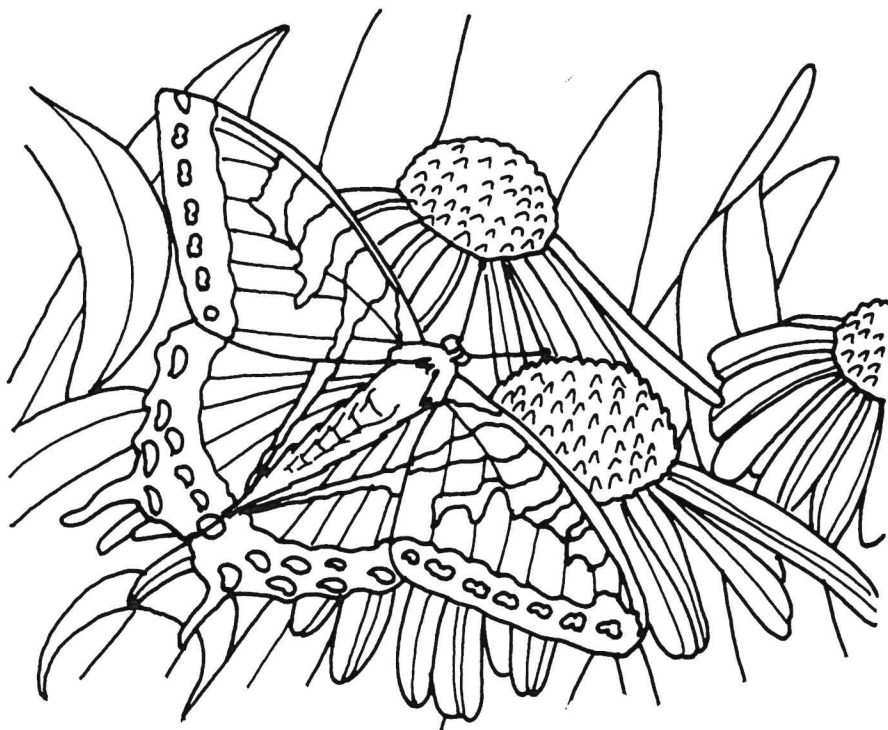
a butterfly

Here is what they finally turned into! Usually, the butterfly has a thin body. Most moths have a plump, fuzzy body.

The feelers on a moth's head are different from the feelers on a butterfly's head. A butterfly feeler has a knob at the end. A moth feeler does not.

In what other ways are they different? A butterfly rests with its wings held up. But moths rest with their wings spread flat.

Also, the butterfly likes to fly in the daytime. But most moths fly at night or at dusk. Both seem to fly effortlessly through the air.



Now you know more about the moth and the butterfly. Many people think these insects are beautiful. What do you think?

The End

Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. What hatches from each moth egg or butterfly egg?
2. What is happening inside the hard covering of a moth or a butterfly?
3. When do most moths fly around?
4. When do most butterflies fly around?

Answers: 1. a caterpillar 2. Possible answer: changes that turn the caterpillar into a moth or a butterfly 3. at night 4. in the daytime

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