

Butterflies

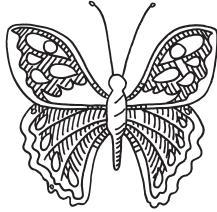
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Moths and Butterflies

Butterflies and moths are insects and have a head, thorax, abdomen, two antennae, and six legs. Moths and butterflies also have four wings.

Interesting Butterfly Facts

- Butterflies range in size from a few millimetres to almost 30 centimetres!
- Butterflies have their skeletons on the outside of their body. It is called an exoskeleton.
- No adult butterfly can live for more than a year.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Butterflies do not have a mouth. They have a long straw like structure called a proboscis which they use to drink nectar and juices.



Can you find any more interesting butterfly facts?

Colours and Patterns

There are three reasons for the colours and patterns on a butterfly.

1. It is brightly coloured because it is poisonous. This warns other animals not to eat them.
2. The butterfly uses the colours and patterns to attract mates to breed with.
3. Some butterflies have dull colours for camouflage. This makes it hard for their predators to find them.

Make two drawings of butterflies, one brightly coloured and one camouflaged against the background.

Extension Research

Write a report on the life cycles of a butterfly or moth. Include diagrams or pictures.

The four stages:

1. egg
2. caterpillar (or larva)
3. chrysalis (or pupa)
4. adult butterfly



Plurals Rule

When nouns end in y, change the y to i before adding es.

butterfly _____ city _____

lady _____ daisy _____

army _____ jelly _____

cherry _____ filly _____

berry _____ nappy _____

family _____ party _____

Symmetrical Patterns

Complete the symmetrical butterfly patterns.

