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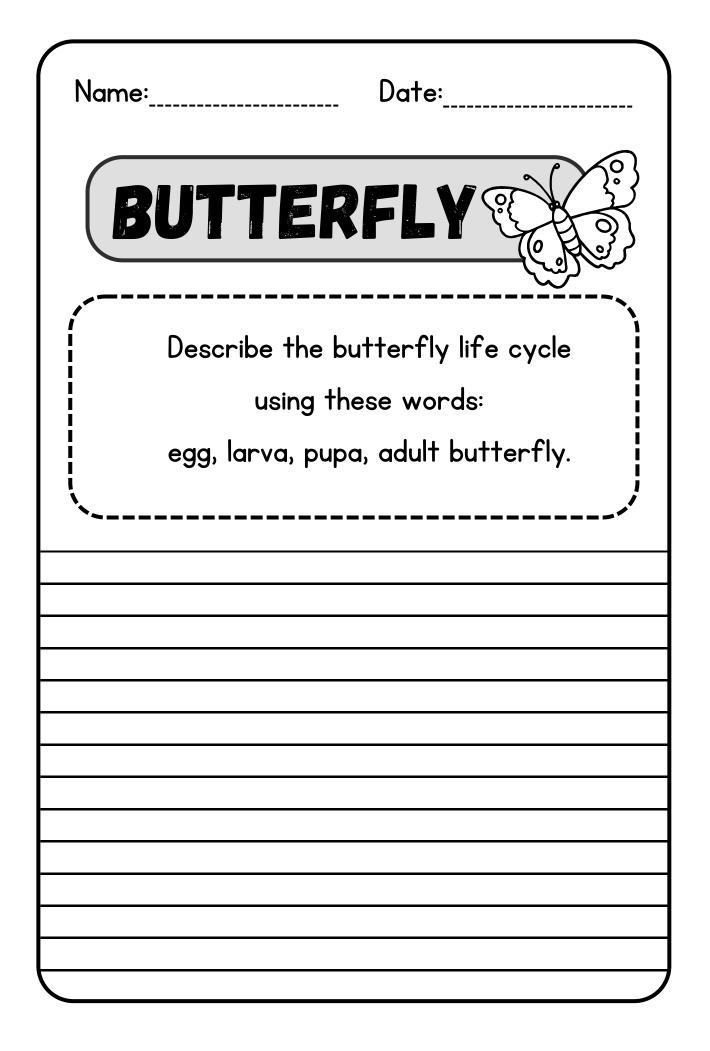


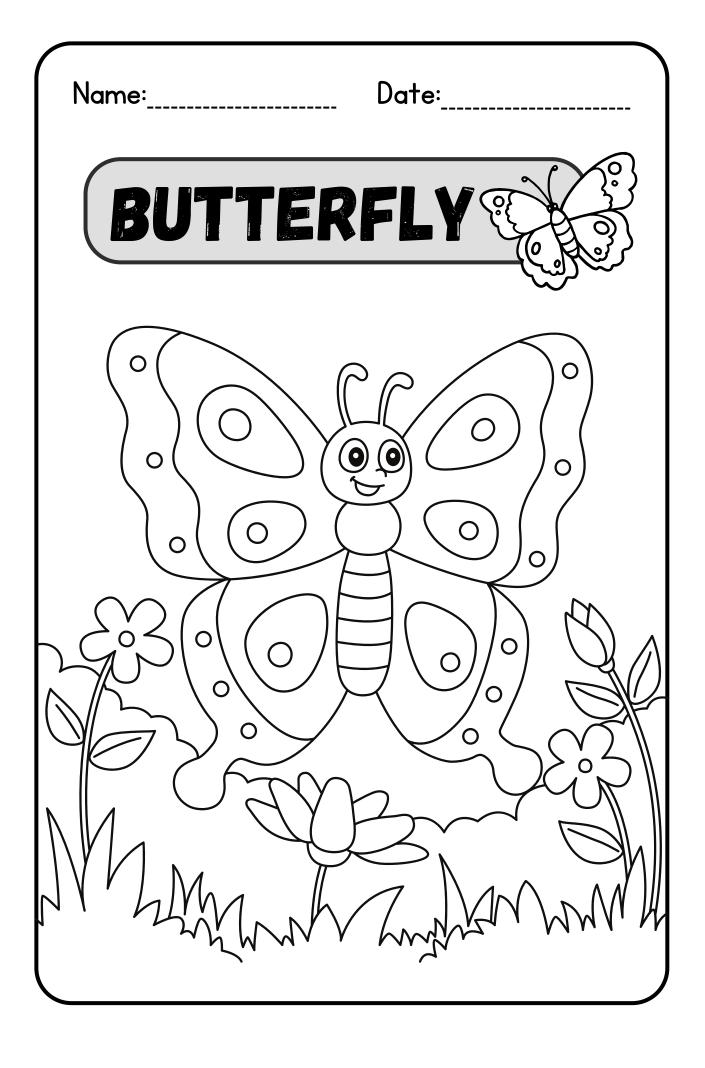
Butterflies are flying insects with large, often brightly coloured wings. They belong to the order Lepidoptera, which also includes moths. There are over 250,000 species of butterflies known worldwide, and they can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

Butterflies have four stages of life: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. The female butterfly lays her eggs on a plant that will serve as food for the caterpillar. The caterpillar hatches from the egg and eats the plant. After a few weeks, the caterpillar forms a pupa, or chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar transforms into an adult butterfly. When the butterfly is fully developed, it emerges from the chrysalis and takes flight.

Butterflies play an important role in the ecosystem. They pollinate flowers, helping plants to reproduce. They are also a food source for other animals, such as birds, bats, and reptiles.

<u>What are butterflies?</u>				
<u>Where can't you find butterflies?</u>				
<u>How many stages of life do butterflies have?</u>				





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Important facts:

- Butterflies have compound eyes, which are made up of thousands of tiny lenses. This allows them to see a wide range of colors.
- Butterflies can taste with their feet. They have receptors on their feet that can detect different flavors.
- Butterflies can fly long distances. Some species have been known to migrate thousands of miles.
- Butterflies are important pollinators. They help to pollinate plants, which is essential for plant reproduction.
- Butterflies are a beautiful part of the natural world. They come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and colors.

