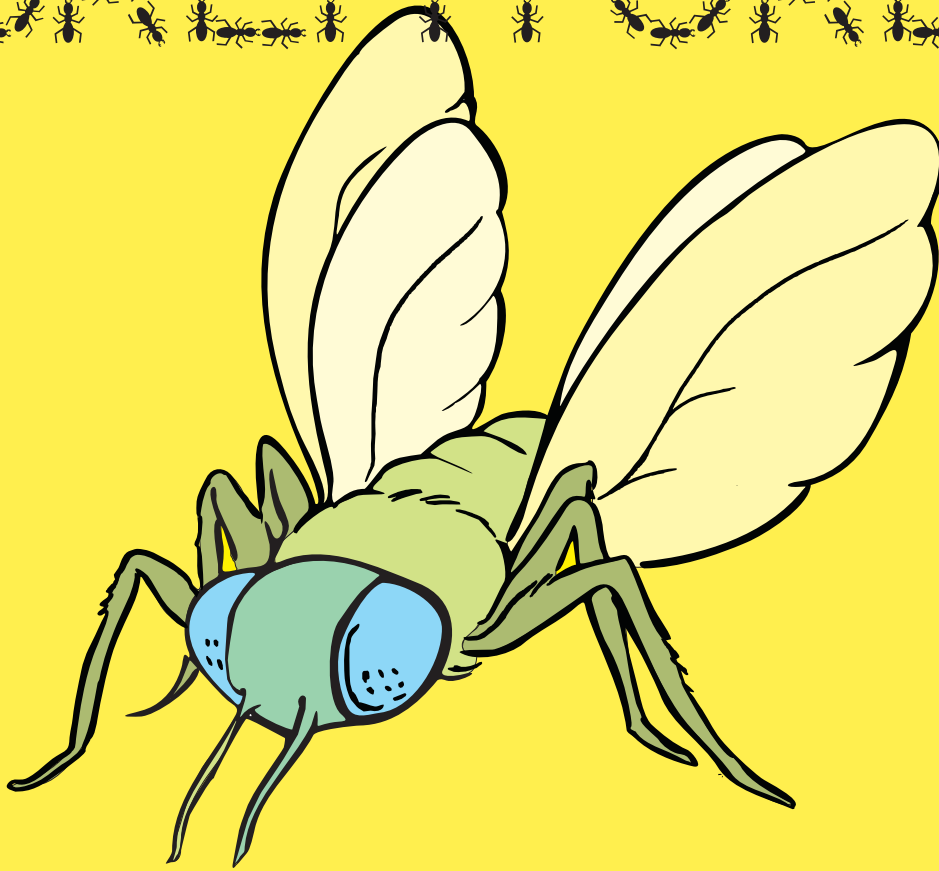


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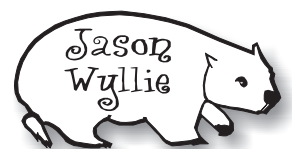
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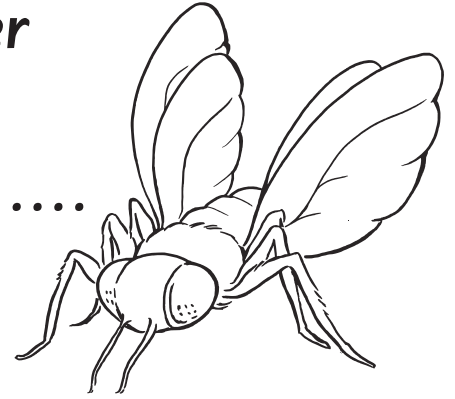
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Draw seven green beetles.



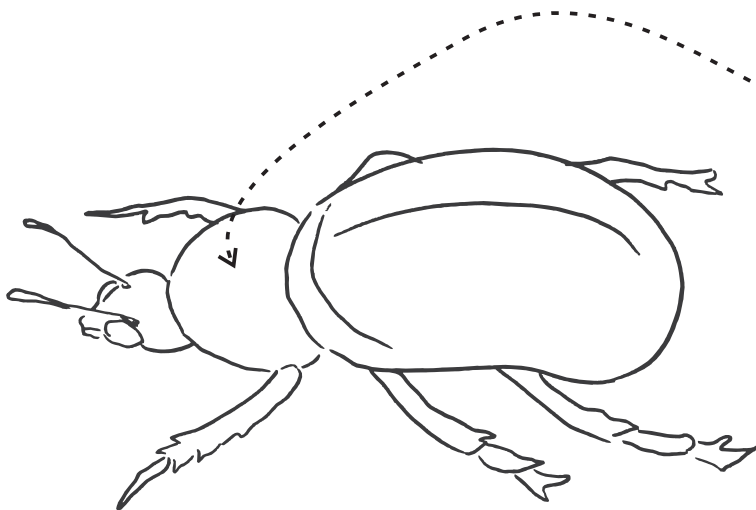
Fill in the missing words.

- ① Insects have ..... legs and their bodies are in three .....
- ② Insects have lived on earth for over 300 ..... years.
- ③ Some insects are very ..... and others are too ..... to fit in your hand.
- ④ They live almost ..... on earth.
- ⑤ There are more ..... of insects than any other type of animal.



parts   small   six   everywhere   million   big   kinds

Draw a line to the different parts of the insect and colour it.



head
thorax
abdomen
legs
antennae
eyes
exoskeleton

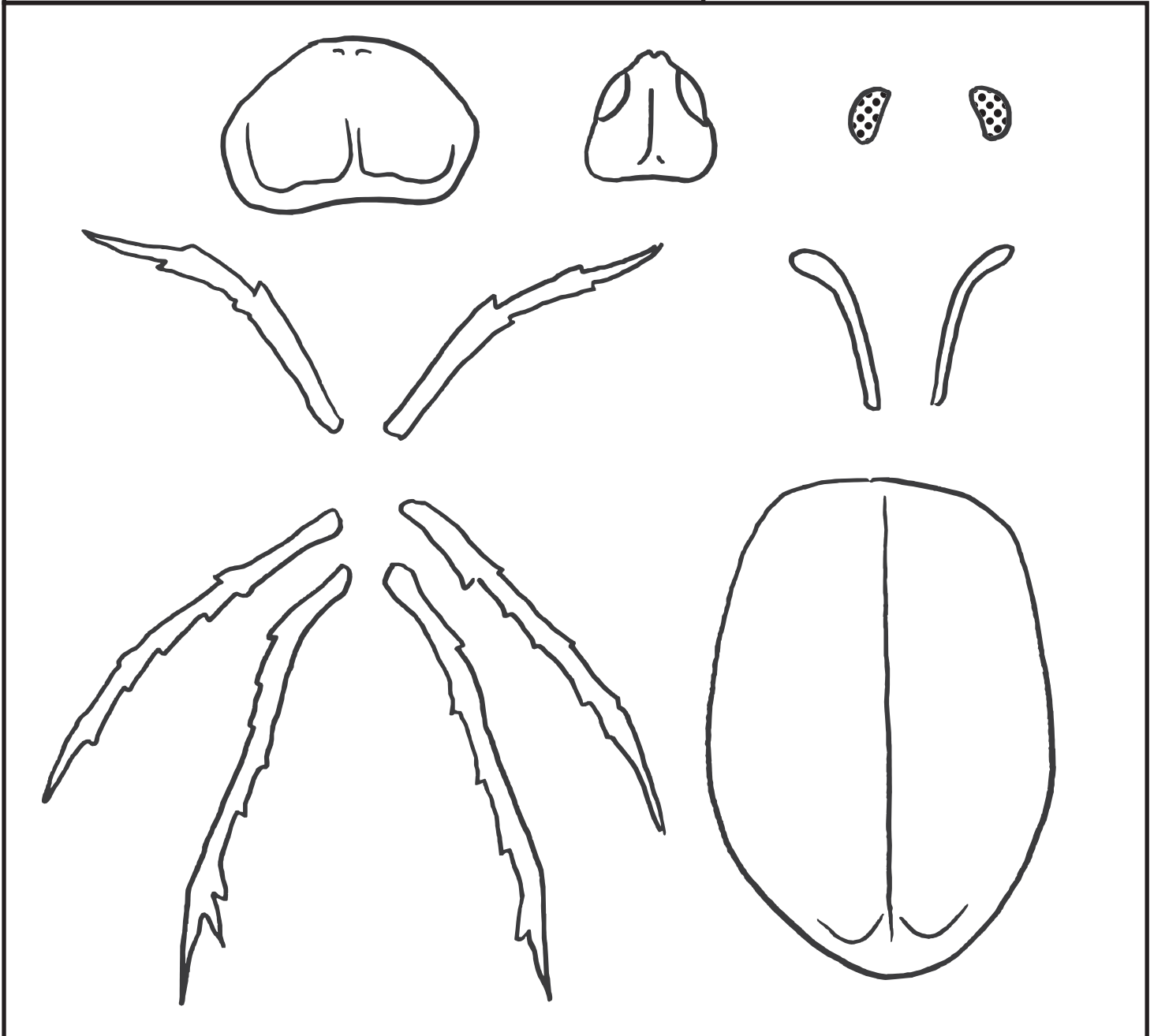


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw four worms  
under the ground.



Colour the insect parts, cut them out and  
paste them to make your own insect.



Label the parts and give your insect a name.

abdomen

thorax

head

antennae

eyes

legs



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw two green beetles.



Cut out the words below and paste them into their correct place.

1. Insects are usually \_\_\_\_\_

2. They have \_\_\_\_\_ legs.

3. Most insects have \_\_\_\_\_

4. They have three body \_\_\_\_\_

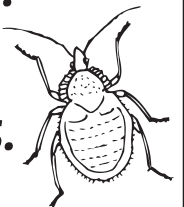
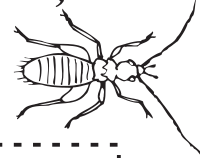
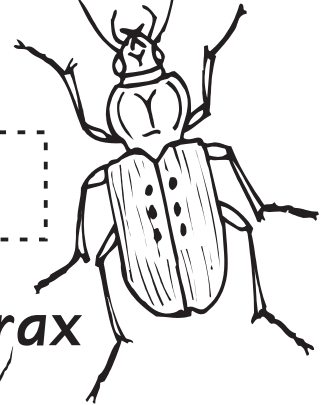
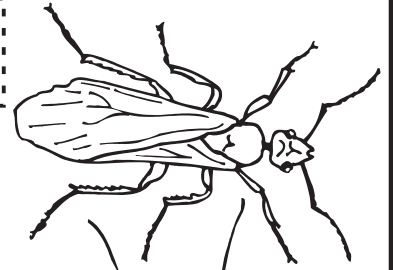
5. The three body parts are head, thorax and \_\_\_\_\_

6. Some insects can \_\_\_\_\_ or sting.

7. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ of insects.

8. Insects have different types of \_\_\_\_\_

9. Some have biting mouth parts and others have \_\_\_\_\_ mouth parts.



six

parts

families



antennae

bite

small

Cut these words out.

sucking

wings

abdomen

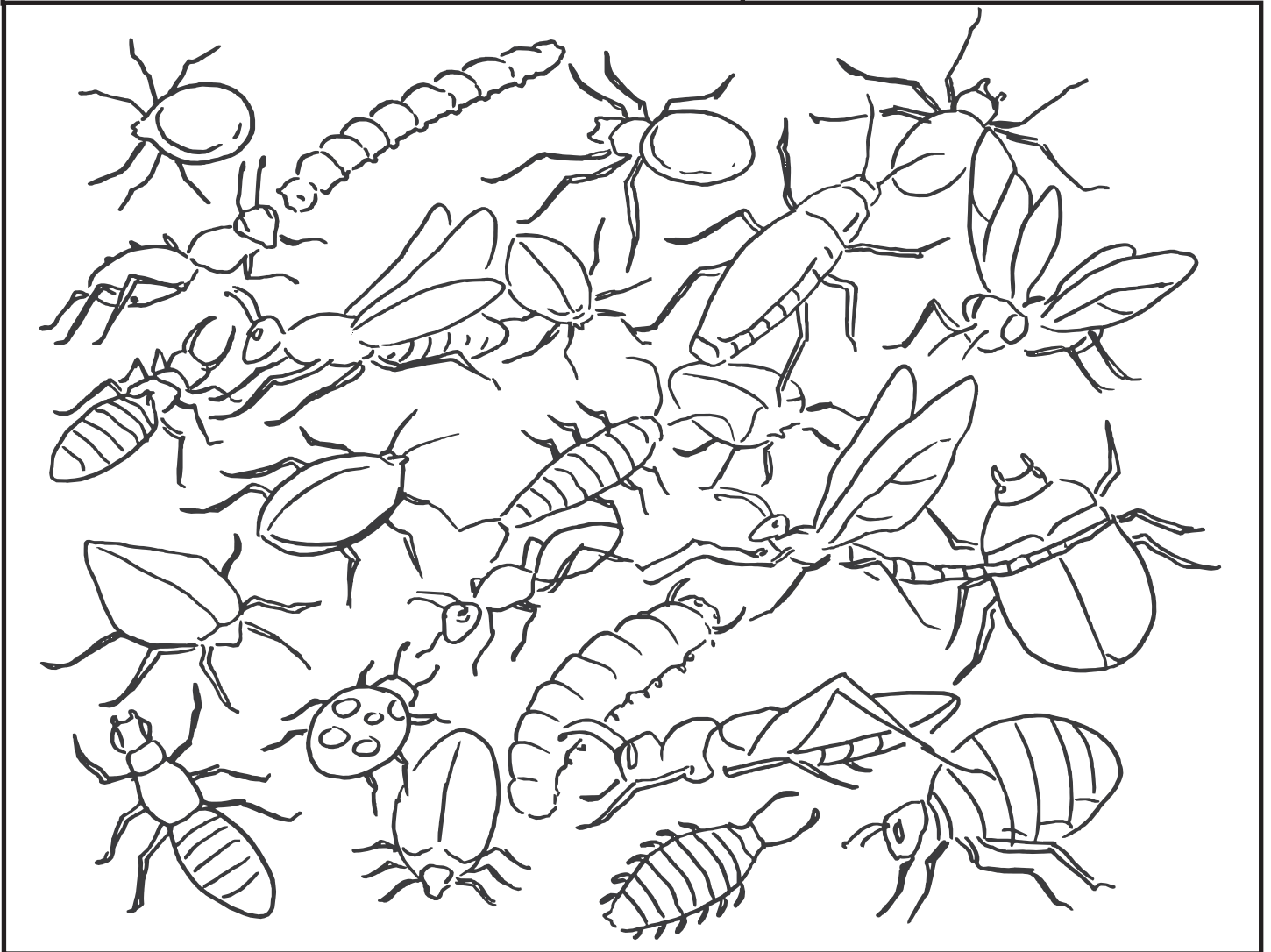


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw six golden dragonflies.



Find the insects, count and colour them.



red

How many?



blue

How many?



orange

How many?



green

How many?



yellow

How many?



purple

How many?



brown

How many?

How many insects altogether?

How many?



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw three snails  
in a glass jar.



Answer these questions about looking for insects.

1. What should you wear when you are looking for insects?

.....  
.....



2. What will you need to take with you?

.....  
.....

3. Where would be the best places to look for insects?

.....  
.....



4. Why should you be careful when you look in these places?

.....  
.....

5. What could you use a net for?

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6. What is the best way to get an insect into a container without hurting it?

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.....



7. Where should you put the insect after you have studied it?

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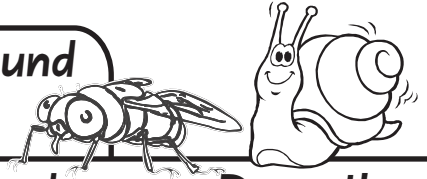


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a dangerous insect.



Collect some creatures from the school playground or your garden at home. Fill in the chart.



Type of creature.	Where it is found.	Describe it.	How does it move?	Draw the creature.

1. How can you collect creatures without damaging them?

.....  
.....

2. What will the creatures need to survive while you are looking at them?

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3. Why should you put the creatures back where you found them?

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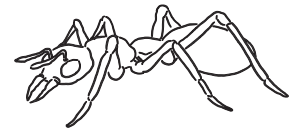


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw seven wasps flying around. **ON THE BACK**

Answer the questions and colour the pictures.

① Where did you find the creatures?



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.....

② How many different kinds of creatures did you find?

Name them:



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.....  
.....

③ Were the creatures easy to see in their habitat? Why?



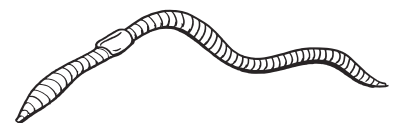
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④ Why do many creatures like hiding under rocks?



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⑤ Which creatures did you find the most of?



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.....



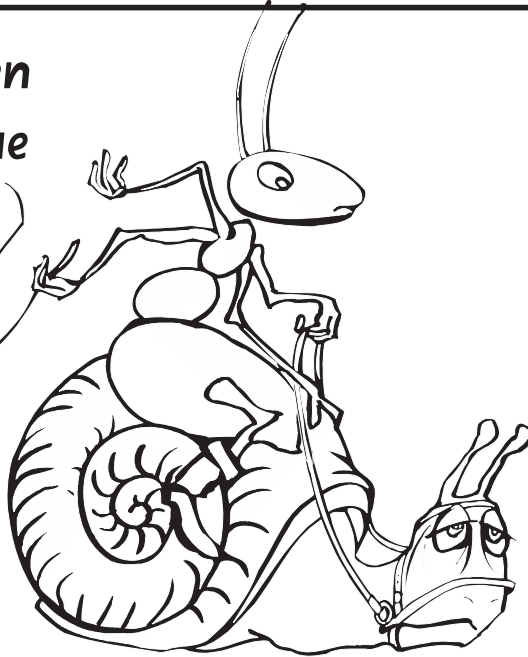
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw four hairy, black flies.



Find these insect words in the word search puzzle.


- \* abdomen
- \* antennae
- \* habitat
- \* head
- \* legs
- \* mouth
- \* nest
- \* thorax
- \* wings



u s s j u u r t  
 i h w i n g s a  
 d o t u c e b t  
 a y i u n d s i  
 e x a r o h t b  
 h t c m o m f a  
 b l e g s a r h  
 a n t e n n a e

Re-write these creature words in alphabetical order.

Draw a picture for each one.

snail	ant	
earthworm		
bee		
flea		
ant		
ladybird		
caterpillar		
wasp		
millipede		



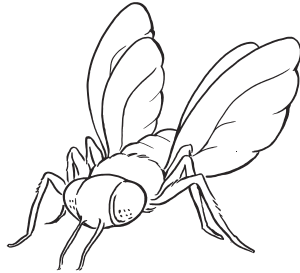
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw eight brown worms.



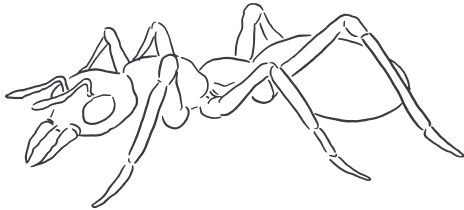
Cut out and paste the words that describe the creature.  
Colour the picture of the insect.

fly

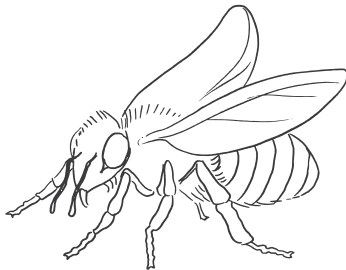


earthworm

ant



bee



They build underground nests.

Their eggs hatch into maggots.

They collect pollen and nectar from flowers.

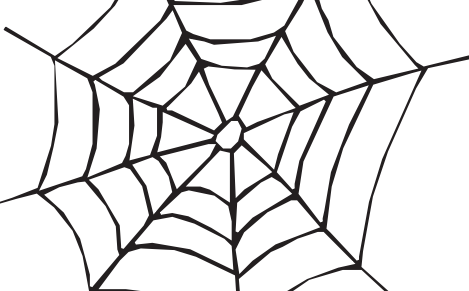
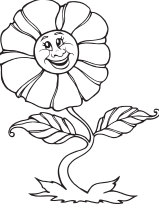
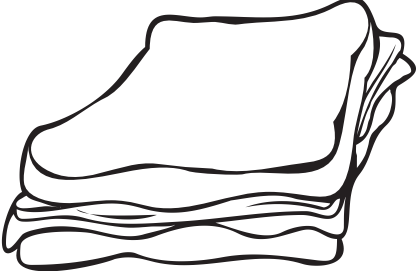
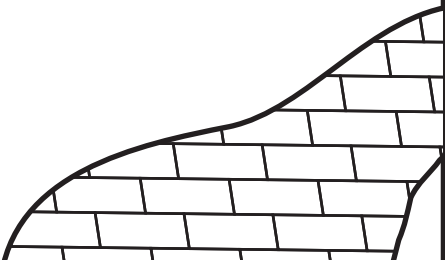

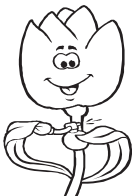
They make their burrows by eating through soil.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a fly trapped in a spider's web.



Read the sentence.	Draw the picture.	Count the legs.
<p><i>There are two hairy spiders on the web.</i></p>		
<p><i>There are four bees near the yellow flower.</i></p>		
<p><i>There is a big, black fly on my sandwich.</i></p>		
<p><i>Three snails crawled across the stone path.</i></p>		
<p><i>Two grasshoppers met on a big leaf.</i></p>		
<p><i>Three butterflies rested on a red flower.</i></p>		



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw six  
black blowflies.



Write the creature's name. Colour and cut out  
the correct picture and paste it under the creature.

I live in the fur  
on dogs and cats.  
I am a .....



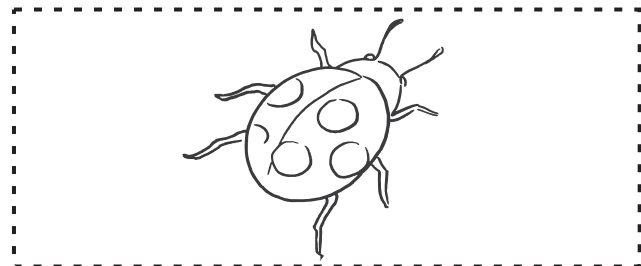
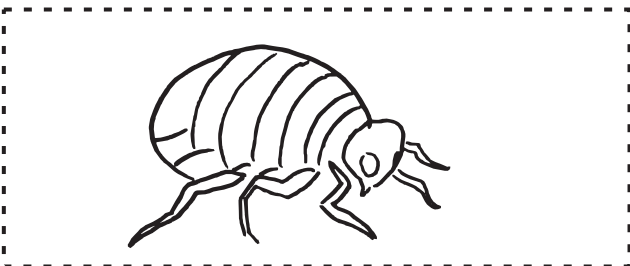
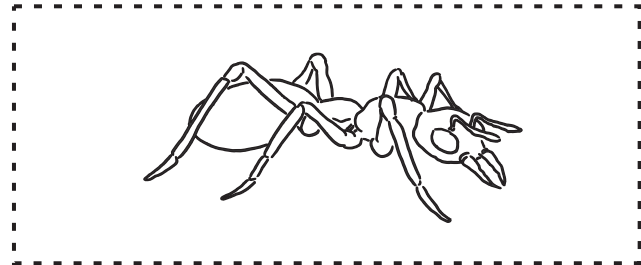
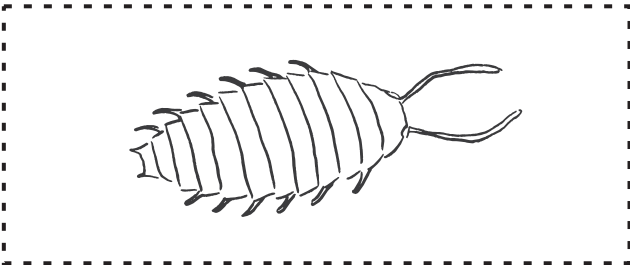
I live under rocks  
in the garden.  
I am a .....



I have orange  
and black spots.  
I am a .....



I live in nests  
under the ground.  
I am an .....







Name: \_\_\_\_\_




Draw a spider  
in a web.



Trace over the three words that go together.




Write the creature's name and colour the correct picture.

.....

		
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honey  
hive  
glass  
buzz

.....

		
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nest  
workers  
eggs  
bus

.....

		
---	---	---

web  
fangs  
green  
spin

.....

		
--	---	---

wings  
maggots  
car  
claws



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a grasshopper on a leaf. **ON THE BACK**

Trace the spider words in blue, the bee words in green and the grasshopper words in red.

spinning

hopping

pollen

buzzing

web

hive

honey

green

eight

flying

jump





Write the words again under the correct creature.

spider	bee	grasshopper

How many spider words did you find?

How many bee words did you find?

How many grasshopper words did you find?




Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a prehistoric insect.



Make your own creature by choosing from the body parts on this page and the next page.

**noses**



**eyes**



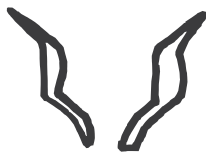
**mouths**



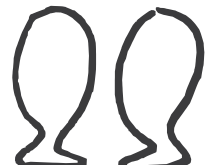
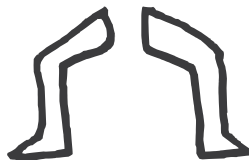
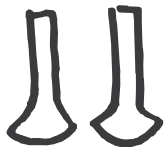
**extra bits**



**legs**



**more legs**



Colour them in, cut them out and paste them onto another piece of paper to make your creature.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a monster insect from outer space.



When you have made your creature give it a name and answer these questions.

My creature is called

.....

It eats .....

It lives .....

It has ..... legs.

It has ..... mouth.

It has ..... nose.

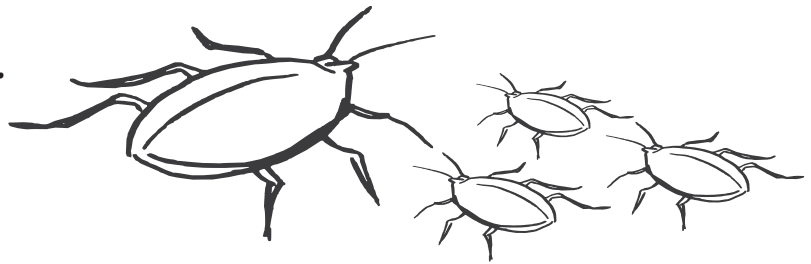
It has ..... eyes.

I like my creature because

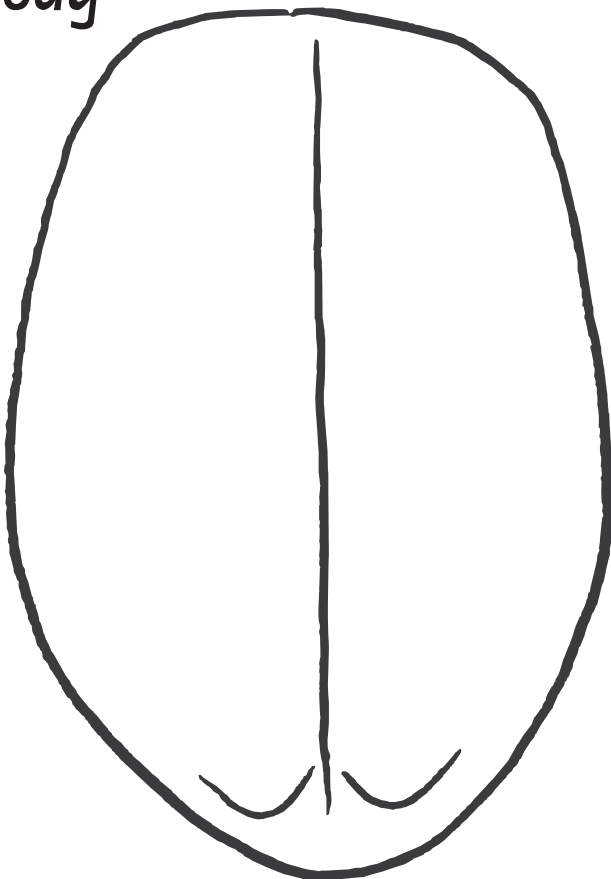
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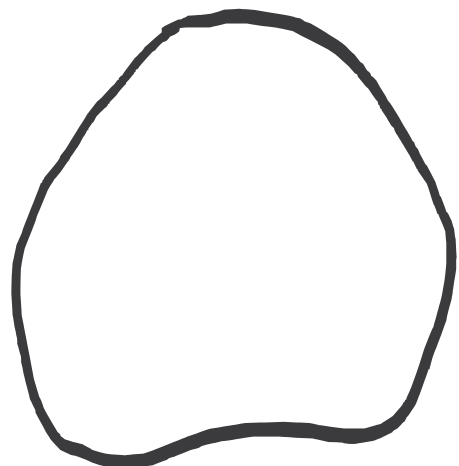
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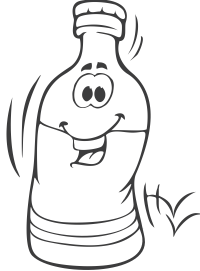


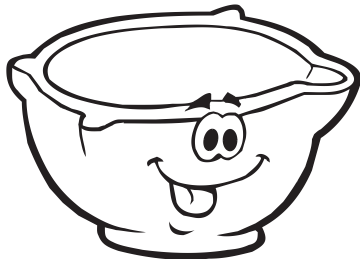

head





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw ten ants carrying a sandwich. **ON THE BACK**

Read the sentence.	Draw the picture.	Count the legs.
<p>Three red-back spiders were on my teacher's head.</p>		
<p>I found two moths in my drink bottle.</p>		
<p>Four flies had a party on my birthday cake.</p>		
<p>Five worms were mixed in my spaghetti.</p>		
<p>The grasshopper was hard to see in the bowl of green jelly.</p>		
<p>Six ants were sitting on top of my ice-cream.</p>		



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a mosquito having dinner.

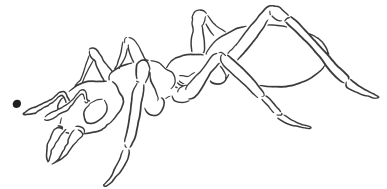


Cut out the words below and paste them into their correct place.

All ants have \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of legs,  
two \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ jaws.

Most ants build underground \_\_\_\_\_.

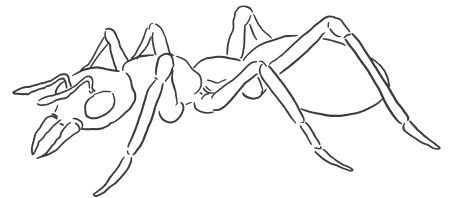
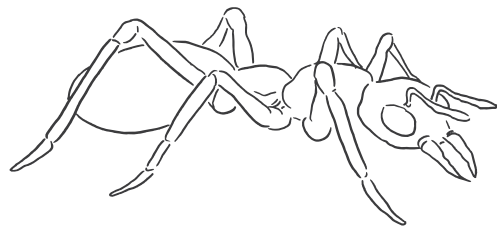
The biggest ant in the nest is the \_\_\_\_\_  
ant. She lays all the \_\_\_\_\_



The \_\_\_\_\_ ants do all of the jobs in  
the nest. Ants are \_\_\_\_\_ insects

that live in groups with \_\_\_\_\_

of members.



worker

queen

nests



antennae

sharp

three

Cut these words out.

millions

eggs

social

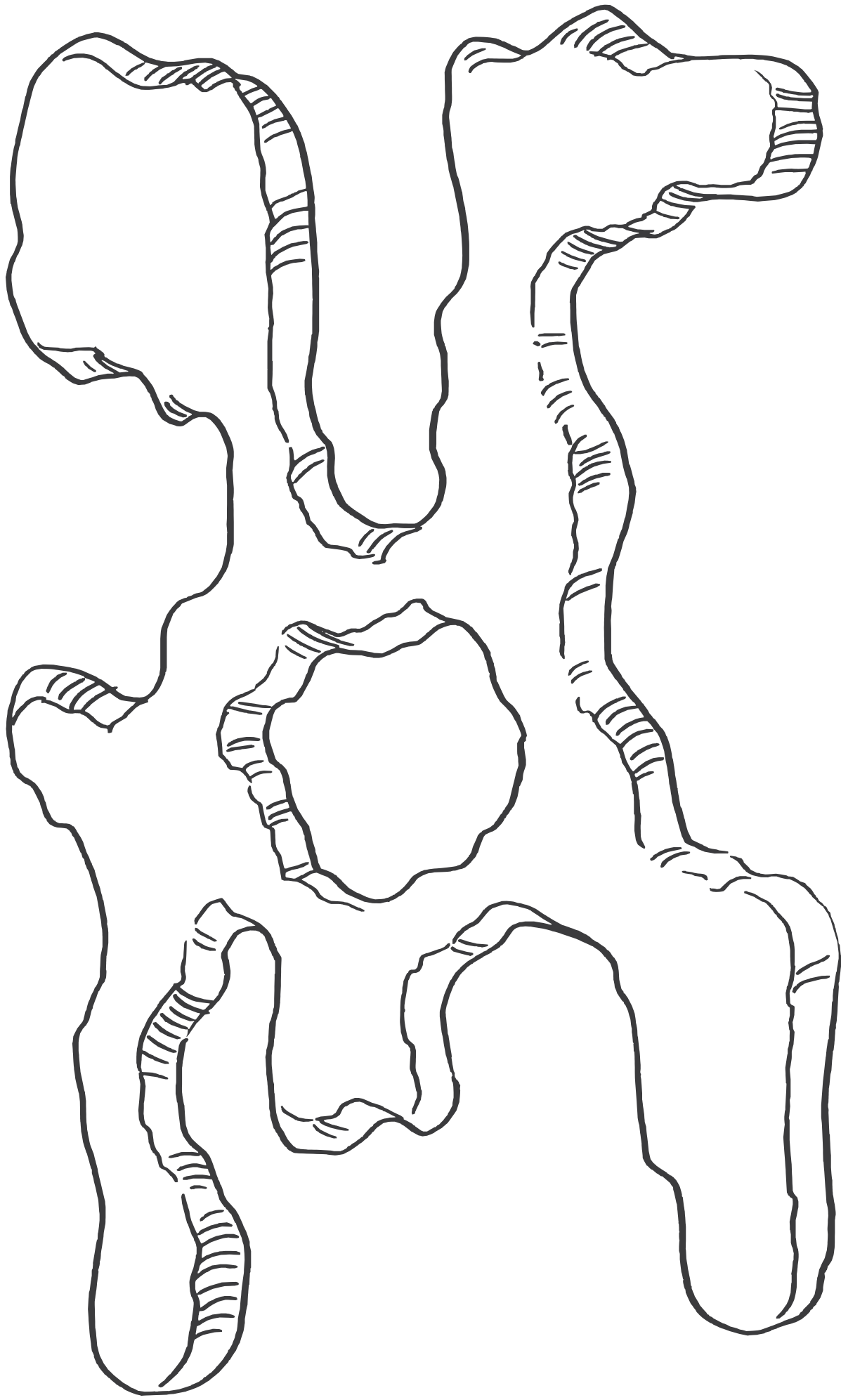




Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw two **ON THE BACK** ants fighting.

Colour the ant's nest with crayon. Paint over it with a pale wash of brown paint. Dip your finger or a cotton bud in black paint and use it to *print* some ants. When they are dry add some details with a felt pen. Add in other details like the eggs, food, the queen ant etc.



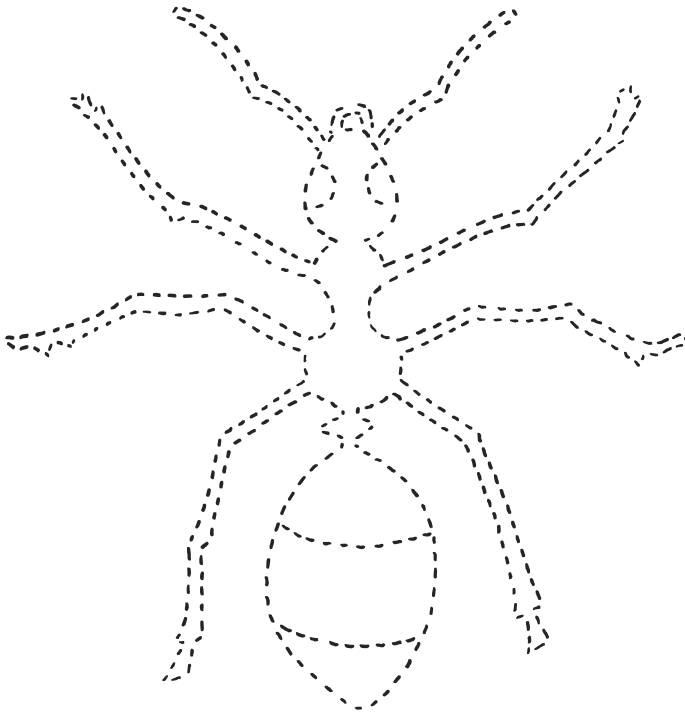


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw six long caterpillars.



Trace over the ant and colour it in.  
Find and cut out four correct facts about ants.  
Paste the true ant facts near the picture.




Ants always eat with a knife and fork.

Soldier ants are the biggest ants in the nest.

Ants can carry things that are much heavier than themselves.

Worker ants feed and groom the queen.

Worker ants are very lazy.

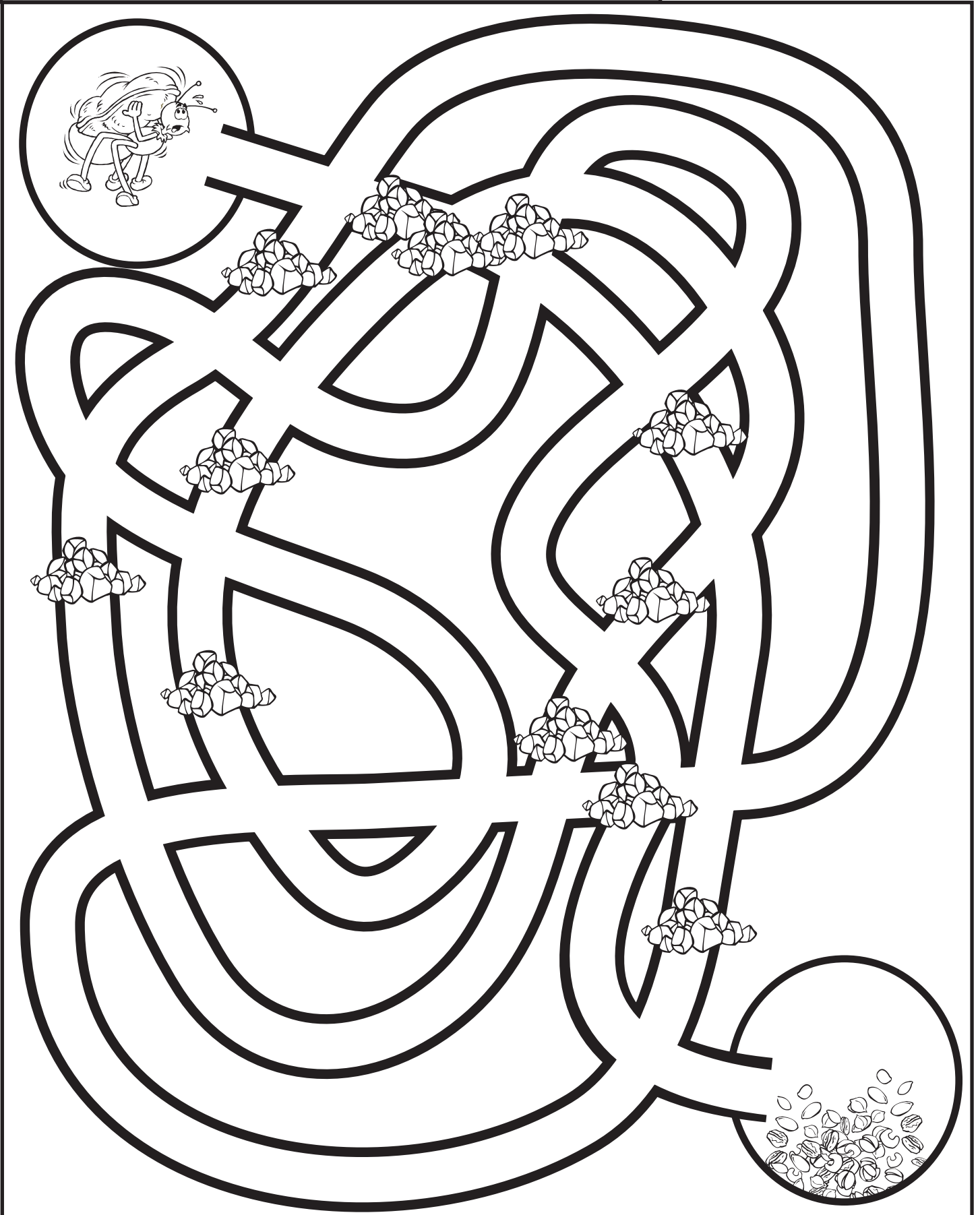
The queen ant lays all of the eggs.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw six ants carrying a dead spider. **ON THE BACK**

Help the ant to get his food deep underground.





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw three hairy spiders.



Cut out the words below and paste them into their correct place.

○ All spiders have \_\_\_\_\_ legs.

○ Most \_\_\_\_\_ have eight eyes,

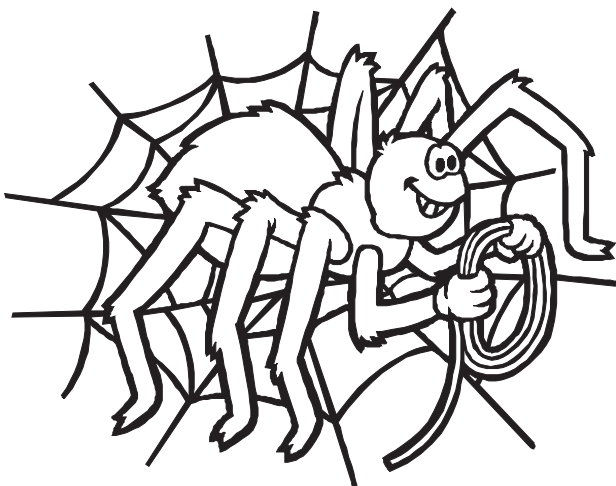
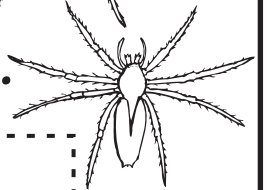
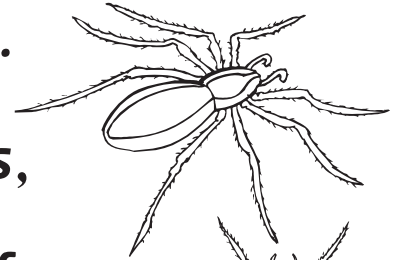
16 to 24 claws and \_\_\_\_\_ fangs.

○ They feed on flies and other \_\_\_\_\_.

○ Most spiders spin \_\_\_\_\_  
to catch their prey.

○ Some spiders make \_\_\_\_\_  
and hide \_\_\_\_\_ them.

○ Some live underwater or in  
underground \_\_\_\_\_.



webs

tunnels

spiders

trapdoors

insects

two

under

eight

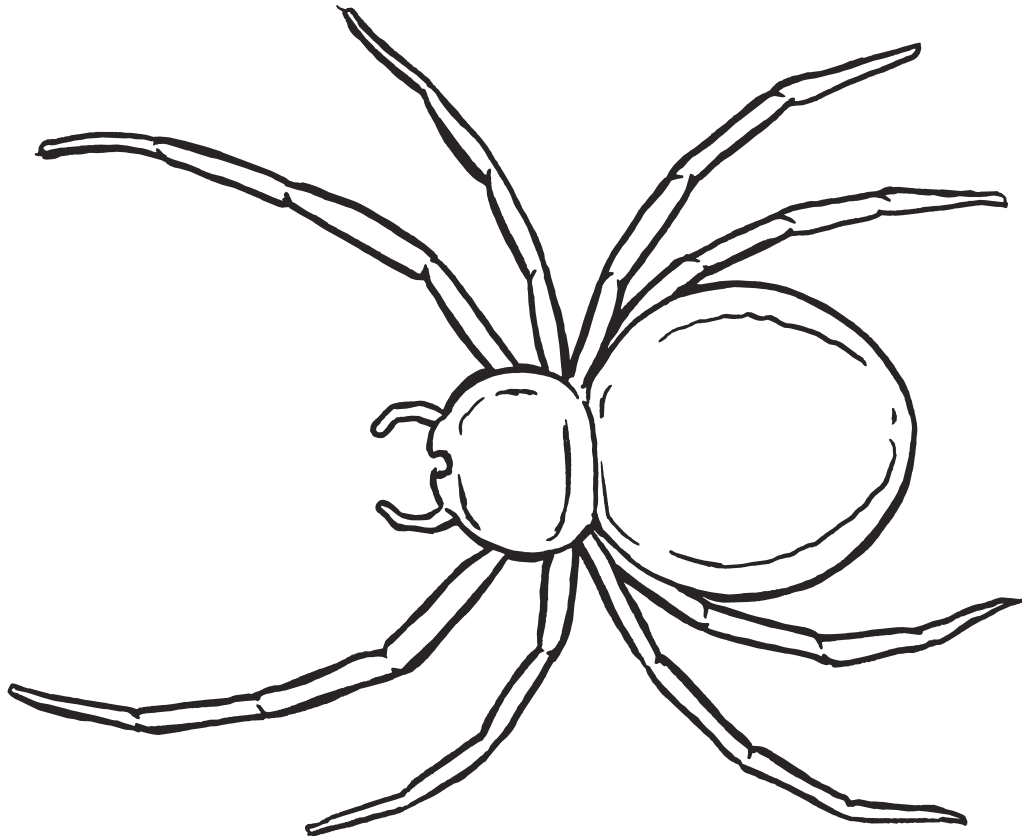


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a tree with four webs in it.



Colour and cut out this spider and paste it onto the web on the other page.



Cut a strip of paper to fold and paste underneath the spider's body so that it is raised up from the web.

Write the missing words.

A spider's ..... is made from a sticky, silky liquid secreted through openings ..... the spider's body.

The silk threads are very thin but when an insect ..... into the web, the spider wraps it in ..... threads so it cannot .....

- underneath
- falls
- move
- strong
- web

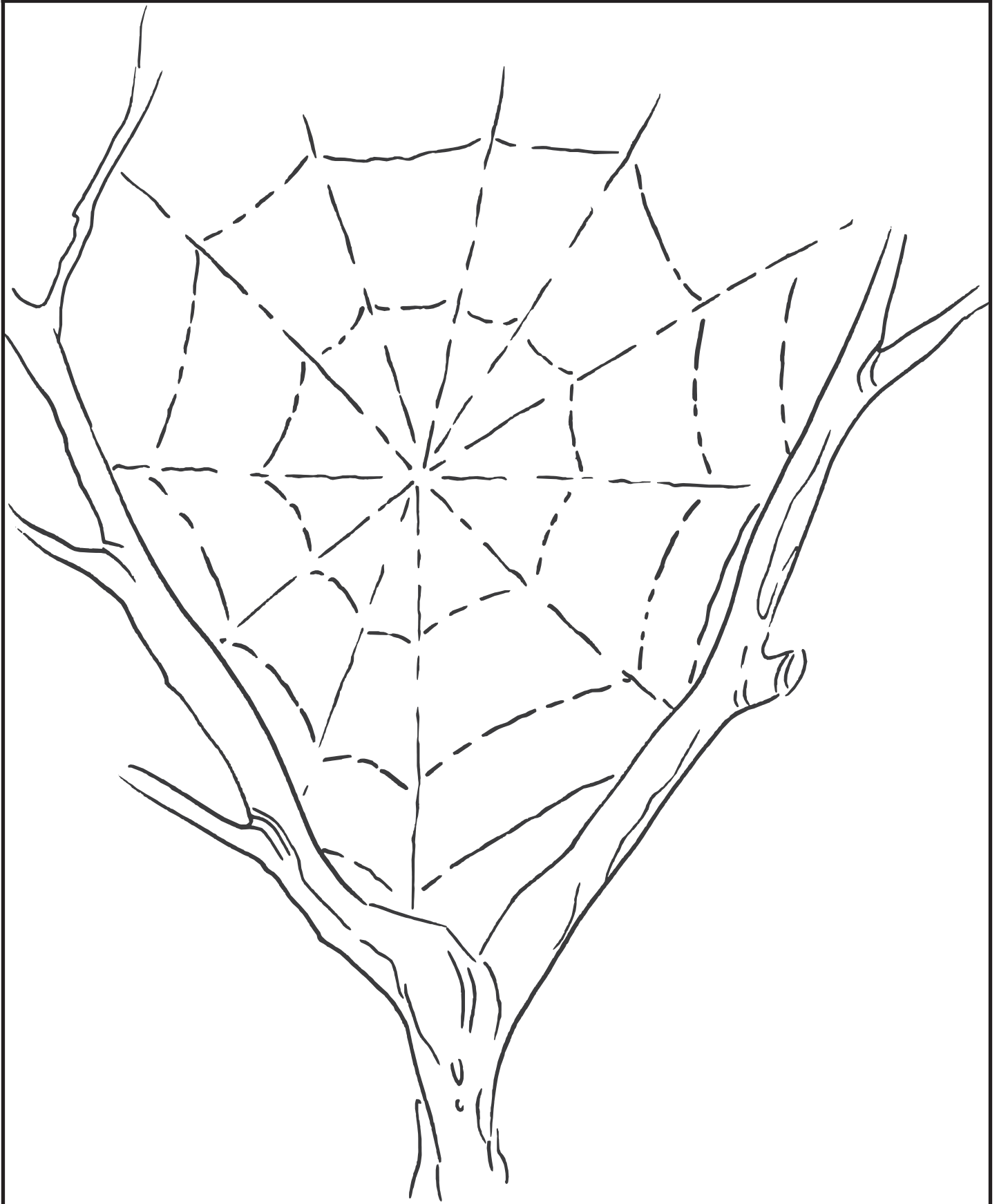




Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a web with seven brown spiders. **ON THE BACK**

Trace over the spider web with crayon or felt pen and colour the tree.  
Cut out the spider on the other page and paste it onto the web.







Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a spider in a web.



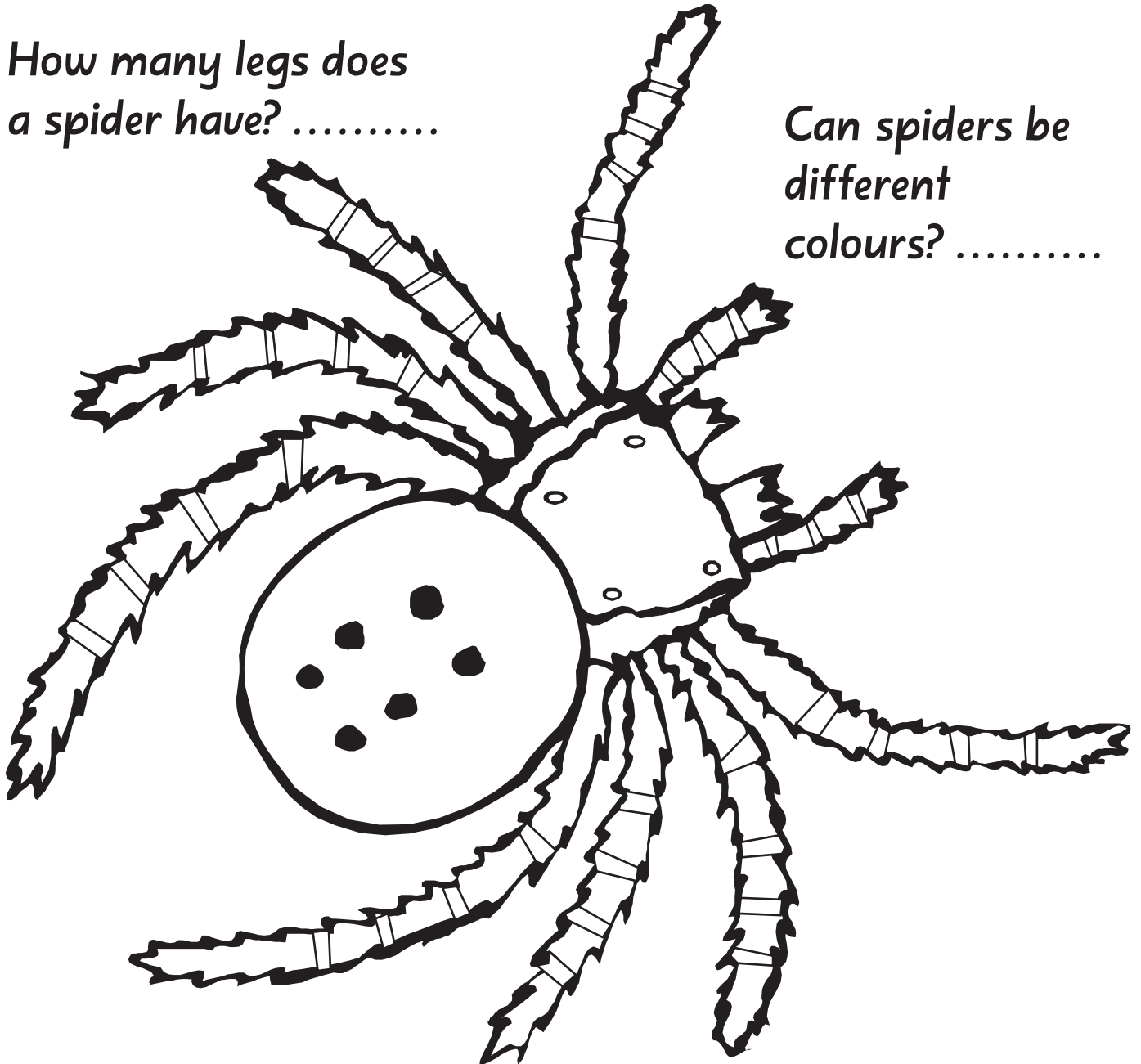
Answer the questions and colour the spider.

Do spiders lay eggs? .....

Do all spiders weave webs? .....

How many legs does a spider have? .....

Can spiders be different colours? .....



Are all spiders poisonous? .....

How many eyes does a spider have? .....



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your teacher  
being frightened  
by a spider.



Draw the spider that frightened Miss Muffet. Colour the picture.



Read the rhyme. Write the missing words.

Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a .....,  
Eating her curds and .....;  
There came a ..... spider,  
Who ..... down beside her  
And frightened Miss Muffet .....

big
away
tuffet
sat
whey



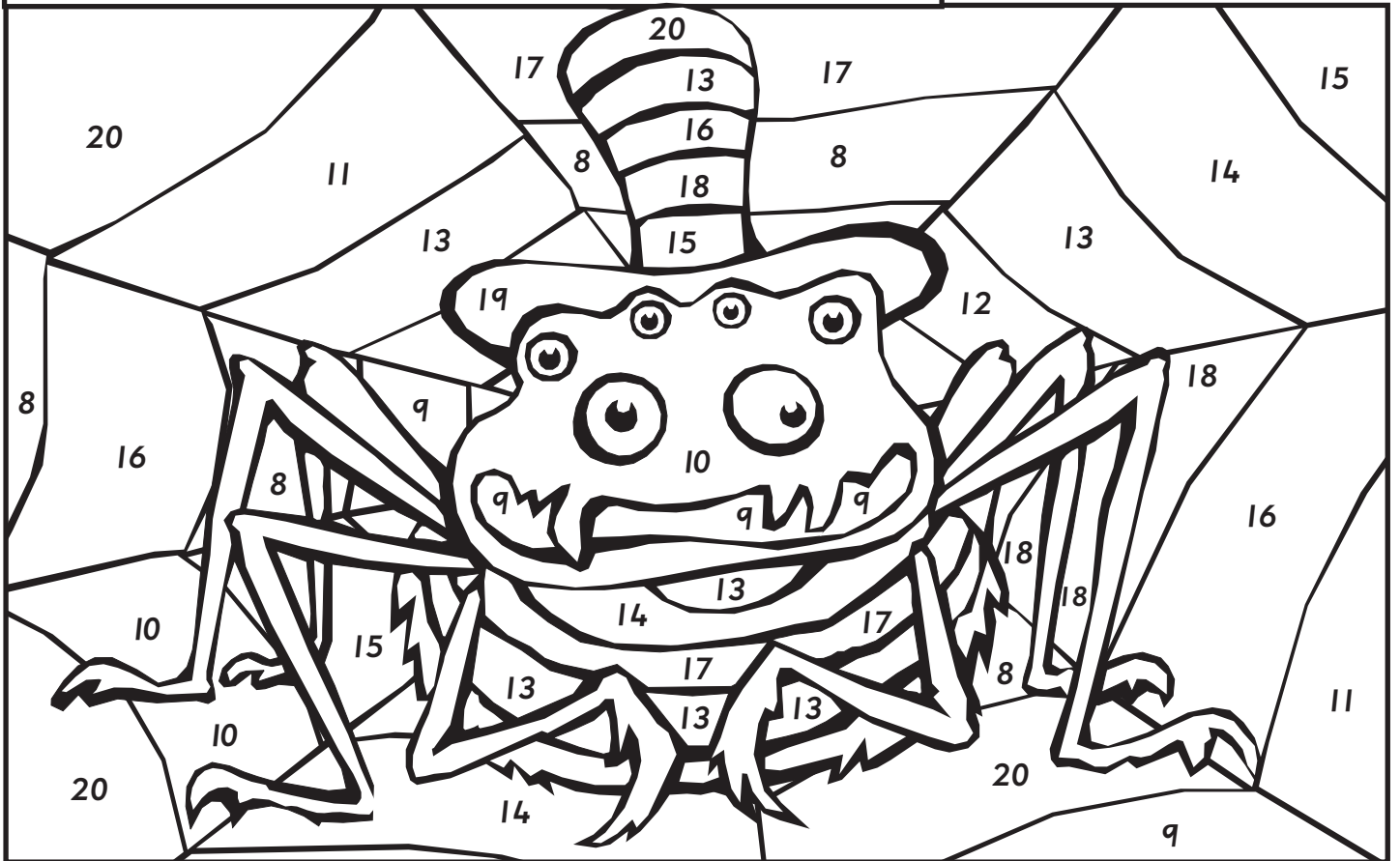
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw four black, hairy spiders on a web.



Answer the sums to find the colours for the picture.

Subtraction to 20



Look for the answers more than once. Finish the picture in your own colours.

black $\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ - 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$	red $\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ - 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$	brown $\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ - 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$	white $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ - 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$
orange $\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ - 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$	blue $\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ - 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$	purple $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ - 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$	pink $\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ - 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a hive with seven busy bees.



Write in the missing words.

All bees have ..... legs, two .....  
 pairs of ..... and .....  
 ..... jaws. Most bees are .....  
 ..... and some are .....  
 ..... Some have .....  
 ..... legs, poisonous .....  
 ..... and .....  
 tongues. Many bees ..... in  
 trees or walls or underground. ....  
 Some people keep bees in .....



- colourful
- nest
- wings
- hives
- six
- furry
- small
- long
- stings
- sharp

Answer these questions.

- ① What is a hive made of?  
.....
- ② What does a queen bee do?  
.....
- ③ What do the worker bees do?  
.....





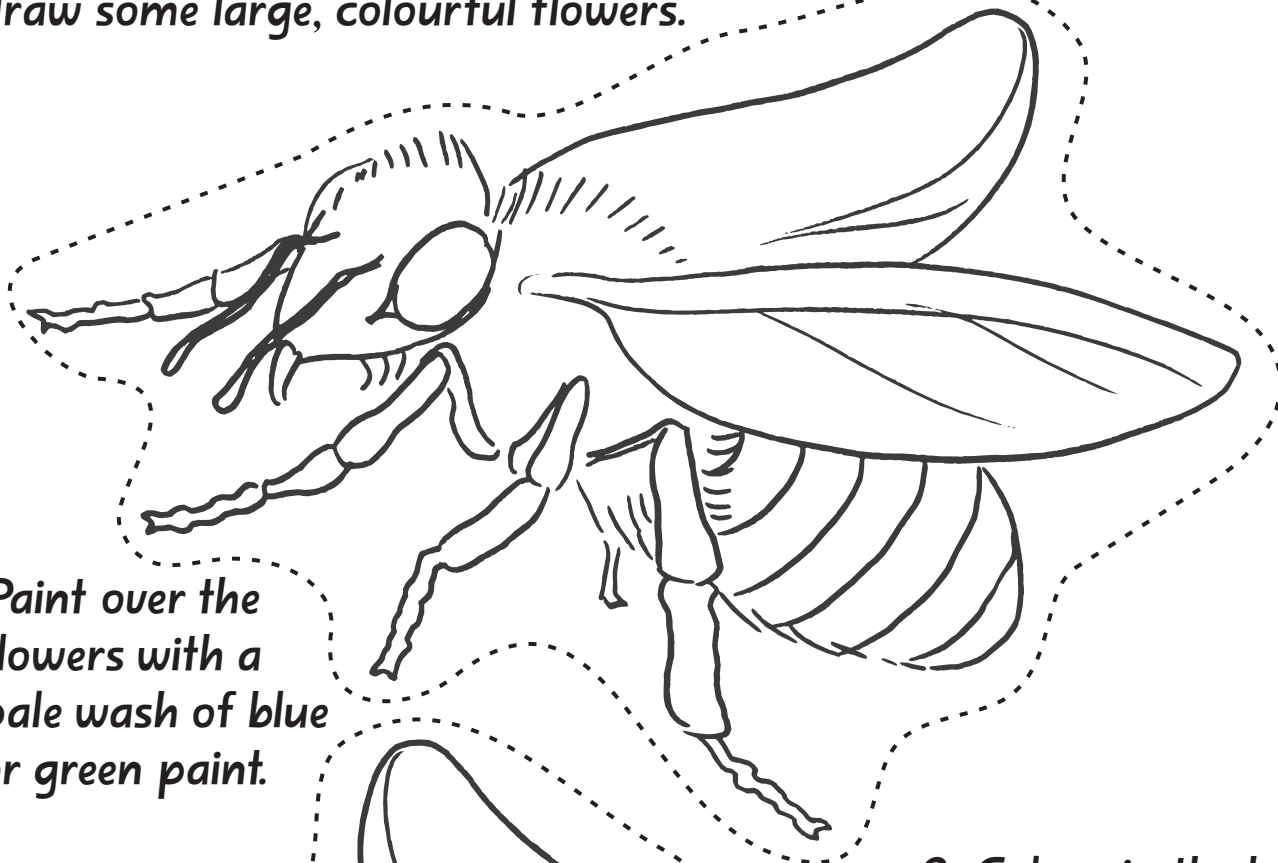
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a  
queen bee.

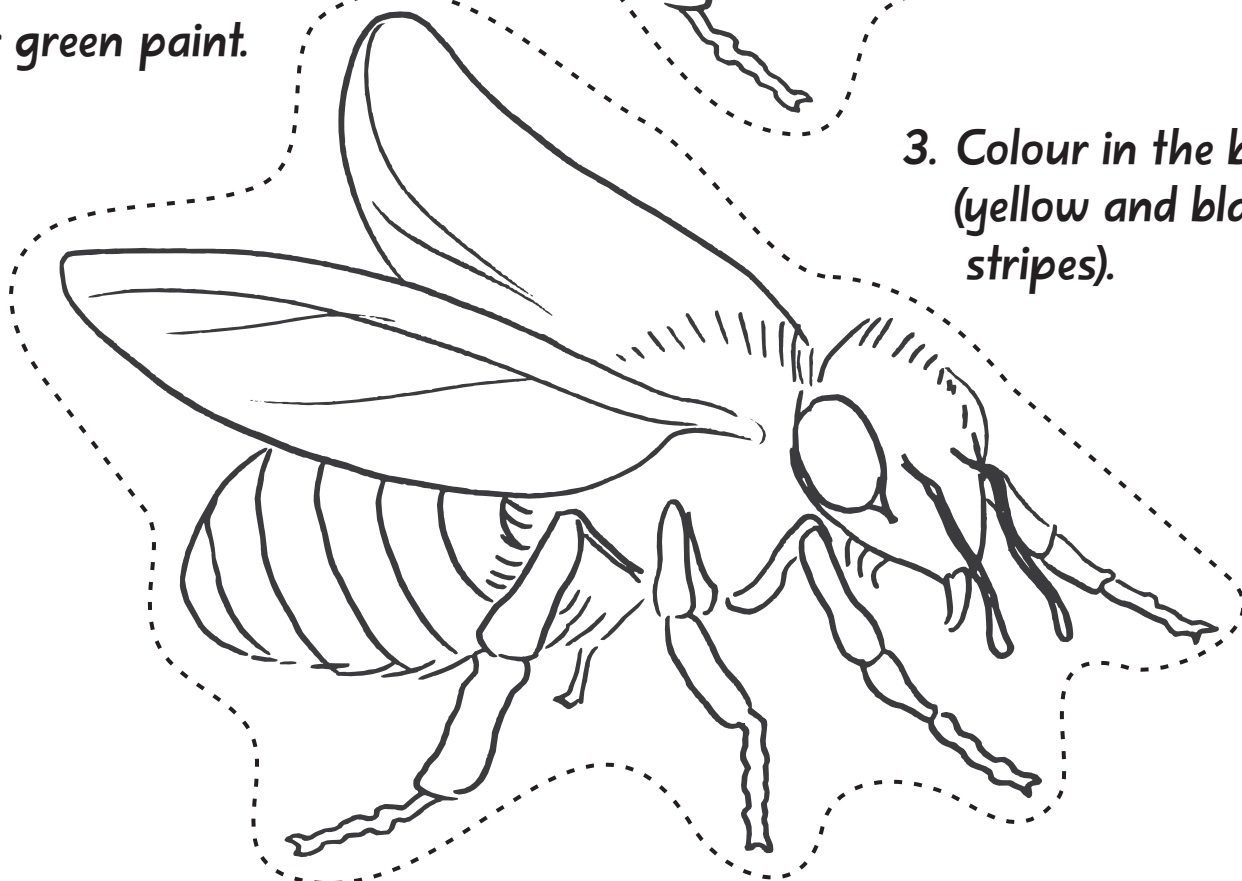
ON THE  
BACK

Follow the directions carefully.

1. With crayon on a separate piece of art paper, draw some large, colourful flowers.



2. Paint over the flowers with a pale wash of blue or green paint.



3. Colour in the bees (yellow and black stripes).

4. Cut the bees out and paste them near the flowers.



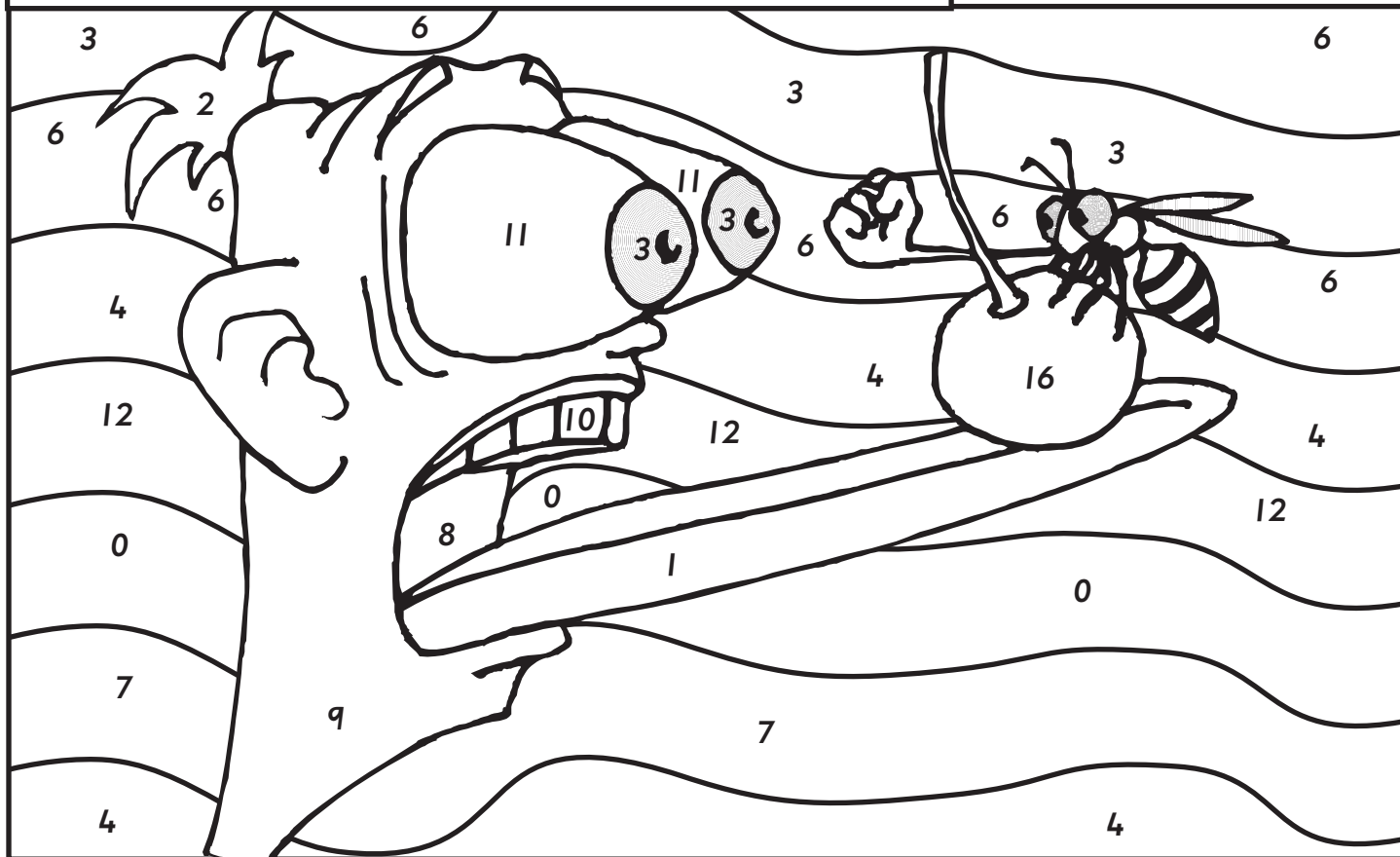
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a big bee that is very angry.



Answer the sums to find the colours for the picture.

Addition to 12



Look for the answers more than once. Finish the picture in your own colours.

<b>black</b> $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ + 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>red</b> $\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ + 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>brown</b> $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>white</b> $\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ + 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$
<b>orange</b> $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ + 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>blue</b> $\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>purple</b> $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>pink</b> $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ + 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$
<b>yellow</b> $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ + 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>grey</b> $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ + 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>green</b> $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ + 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<b>rainbow</b> $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw eight bees  
flying near  
their bee hive.



Read the sentences and draw the bee pictures.



The bee is near  
a big, pink flower.



The bee is near  
three small, red apples.



The bee is near  
a leafy, green tree.



The bee is near  
a yellow bee hive.



The bee is near  
a blue and yellow flower.



The bee is near  
five orange flowers.





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw three, big jars of honey.

ON THE BACK



Read these sentences about bees making honey. Cut them out and paste them in the correct order.

They feed the nectar to other workers, who swallow it and mix it with their own saliva.



The liquid then dries up and thickens and becomes



Worker bees suck in the nectar from flowers and fly back to the hive.



Later they regurgitate it and deposit it in small open cells in the hive.



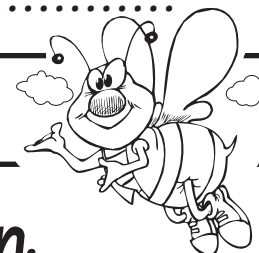
Draw a picture for each one.

Look up these words in the dictionary and write their meanings.

- ⊙ nectar .....
- ⊙ saliva .....
- ⊙ regurgitate .....
- ⊙ liquid .....

Write these bee words in alphabetical order.

sting, hive, pollen, eggs, wax, queen.





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw three yellow and black bees. **ON THE BACK**

Read the story and colour the picture to match.



This bee has just made a big pile of bright, orange honey. He has yellow and black stripes on his body and he is wearing his best, green hat. The bee's shirt has a blue and red pattern.

There are 5 black bees and 3 orange bees.

How many altogether?



There are 2 pink bees and 6 green bees.

How many altogether?



There are 3 orange bees and 5 blue bees.

How many altogether?



There are 4 red bees and 4 yellow bees.

How many altogether?





beetles

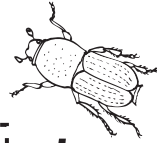
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw three shiny ladybeetles.



Cut out the words below and paste them into their correct place.

○ Ladybeetles are beetles.



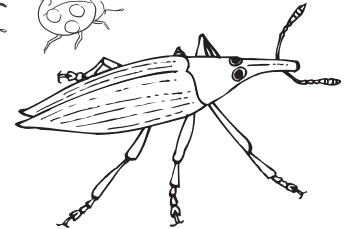
○ They have six \_\_\_\_\_, two \_\_\_\_\_

and a hard \_\_\_\_\_.



○ Beetles lay their \_\_\_\_\_ in soil and on

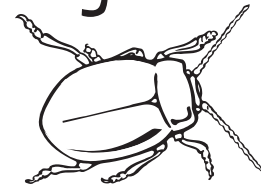
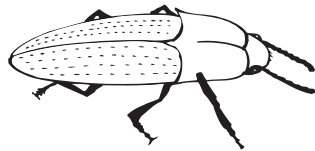
plants.



○ Their eggs hatch into \_\_\_\_\_.

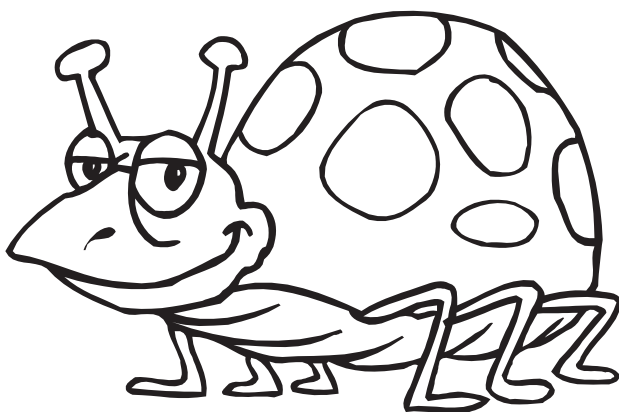
○ Their skin hardens and they change into \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.



○ Beetles eat dung, \_\_\_\_\_, tadpoles,

water plants and even \_\_\_\_\_.



beetles

clothes

body

legs

eggs

eyes

fish

larvae



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw four  
beetles  
on one leaf.

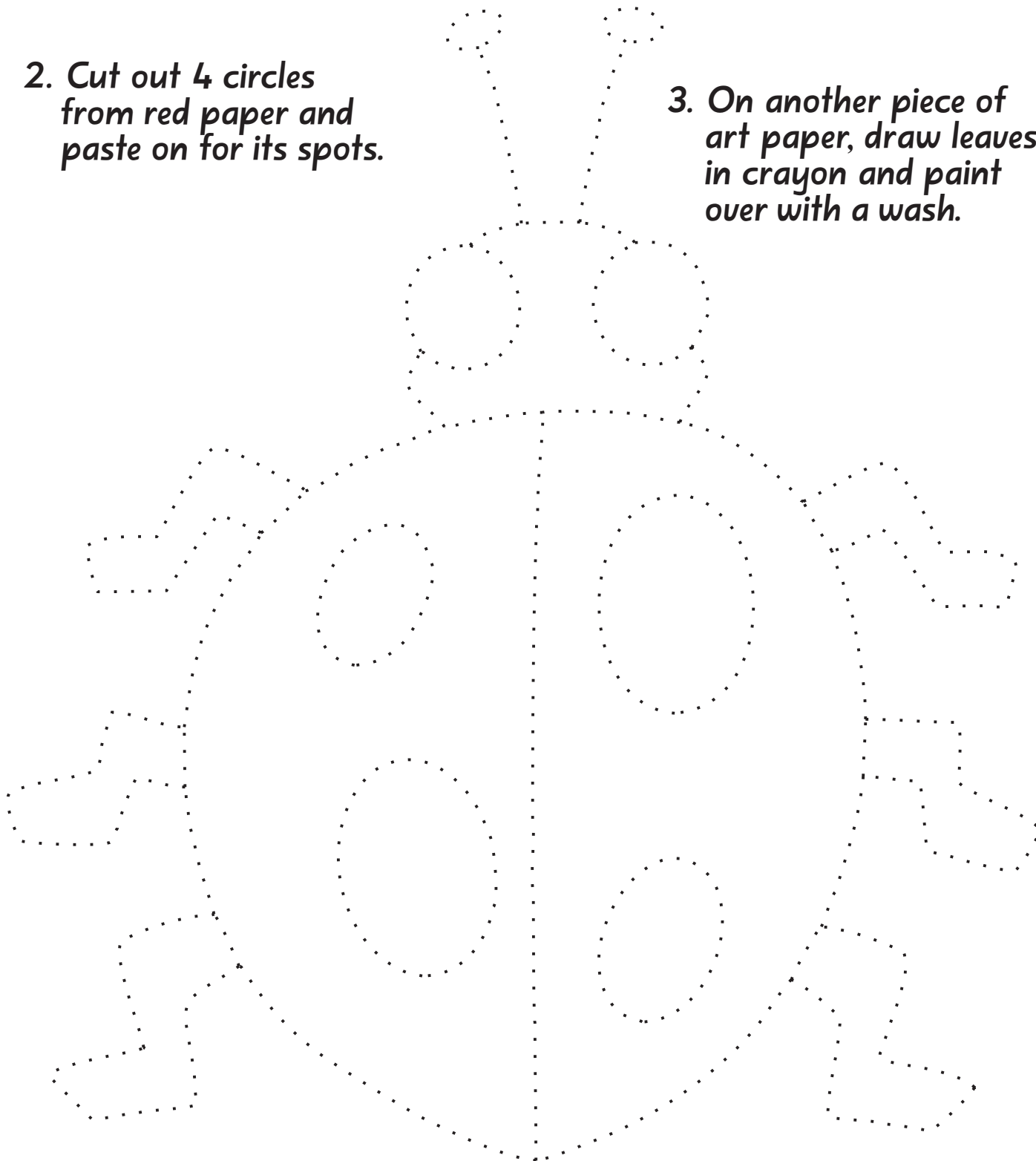


Follow the directions carefully.

1. Trace over the dots and colour the ladybeetle in crayon or paint.

2. Cut out 4 circles  
from red paper and  
paste on for its spots.

3. On another piece of  
art paper, draw leaves  
in crayon and paint  
over with a wash.



4. Cut out the ladybeetle and paste it on the background.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

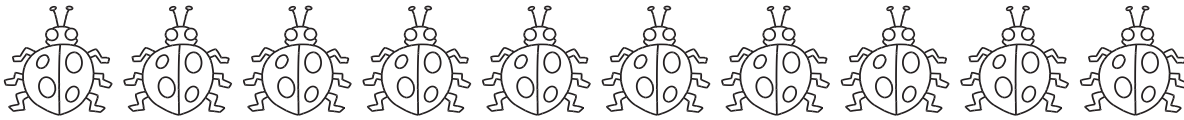
Draw four red and yellow ladybeetles.



Colour the ladybeetles to match the sentence.

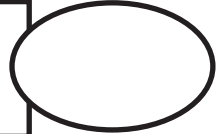
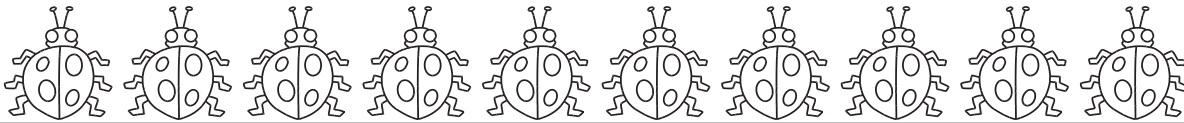
There are 6 yellow ladybeetles and 4 green ladybeetles.

How many altogether?



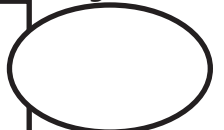
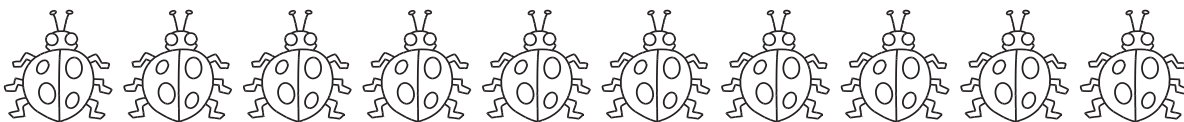
There are 3 red ladybeetles and 7 orange ladybeetles.

How many altogether?



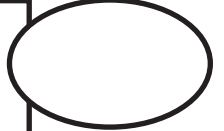
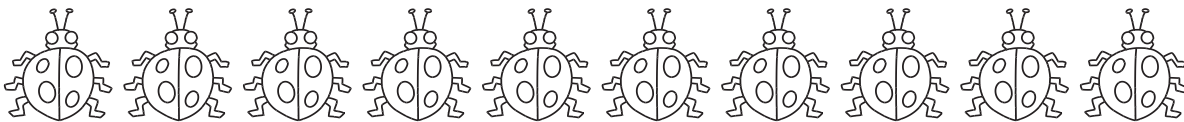
There are 5 blue ladybeetles and 5 black ladybeetles.

How many altogether?



There are 9 pink ladybeetles and 1 green ladybeetle.

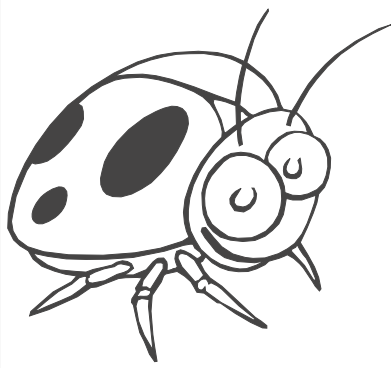
How many altogether?



Find these ladybeetle words in the puzzle.



x	s	g	g	e	t	a	n	r	e	b	i	h	l	y
z	e	h	j	c	e	h	x	j	w	s	f	c	a	k
o	l	a	r	u	a	e	k	l	j	l	t	t	t	t
s	t	r									a	h	o	
j	e	d									h	c	z	
b	e	u									n	o	t	
f	b	n									k	l	n	
x	s	g									n	o	u	
n	n	f									p	u	q	
c	e	u									a	r	g	
d	a	j									e	s	l	
x	m	y									b	p	n	
p	c	l	f	e	m	a	q	x	n	p	a	t	o	n
k	n	s	t	n	a	l	p	r	o	t	e	c	t	n
h	a	w	i	n	g	s	i	n	s	e	c	t	s	h



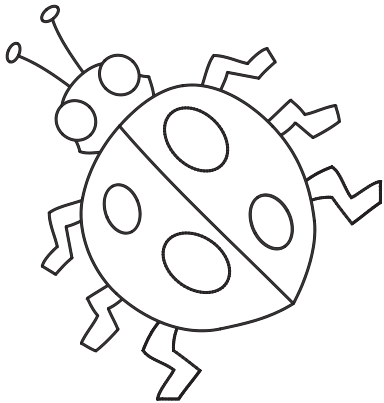
- larvae
- beetles
- eggs
- protect
- hard
- dung
- wings
- hibernate
- spots
- colours
- insects
- plants
- hatch



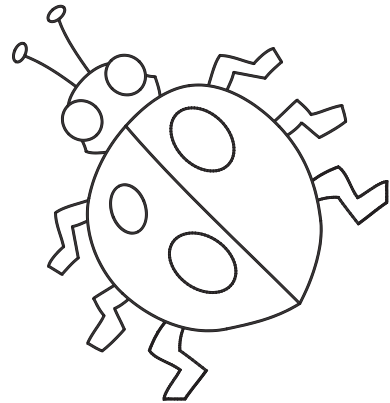
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a ladybeetle with 9 spots. **ON THE BACK**

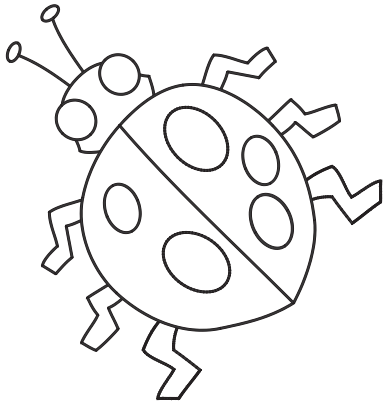
Colour and count the spots to match the sentences.



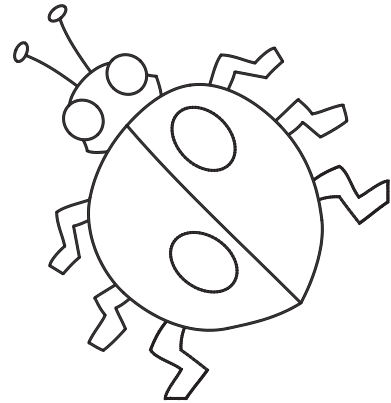
This ladybeetle has  blue spots.



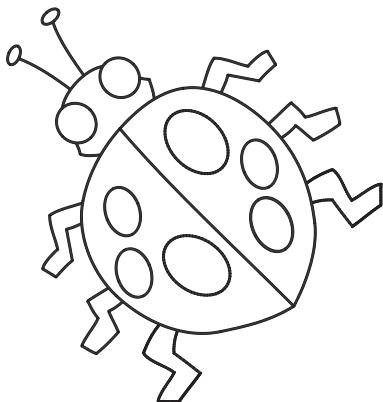
This ladybeetle has  red spots.



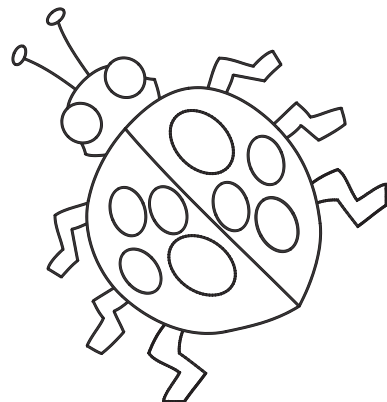
This ladybeetle has  orange spots.



This ladybeetle has  green spots.



This ladybeetle has  yellow spots.



This ladybeetle has  pink spots.





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

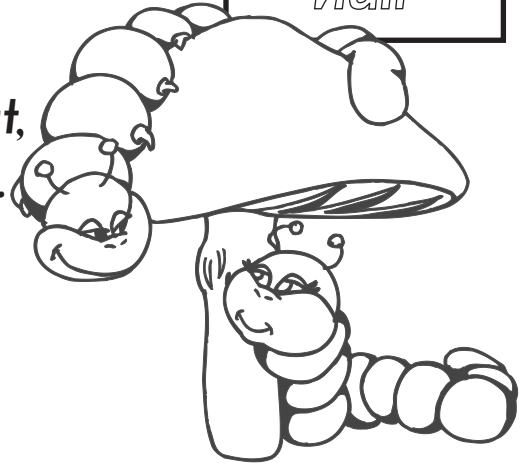
Draw four hairy caterpillars.



Write the missing words.

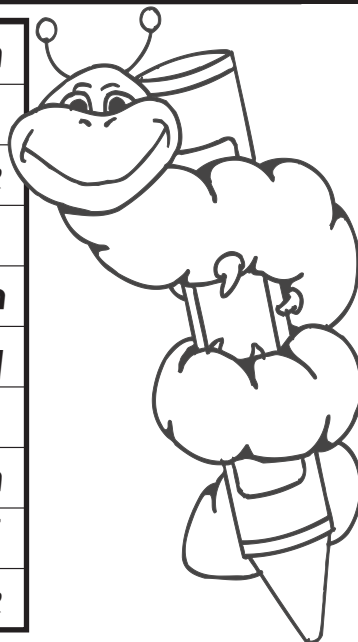
- Caterpillars eat ..... and as they grow they shed their ..... for bigger ones.
- The skin may be smooth or covered with .....
- Most ..... will not eat hairy caterpillars.
- The caterpillar makes a chrysalis or .....
- When the butterfly ..... out, it stretches and dries its ..... before flying away.

- skins
- birds
- cocoon
- hatches
- leaves
- wings
- hair



Find these caterpillar words in the wordsearch.

q	i	u	x	p	u	p	a	c	h
e	c	h	r	y	s	a	l	i	s
e	o	a	a	e	d	p	c	c	k
m	c	i					a	d	i
e	o	r					g	s	n
r	o	y					j	b	y
g	n	q					w	u	c
e	d	u	f	p	h	a	t	c	h
q	k	y	u	c	x	d	o	d	f
k	g	p	l	d	f	o	g	t	k



- ① pupa
- ② hatch
- ③ chrysalis
- ④ skin
- ⑤ cocoon
- ⑥ emerge
- ⑦ hairy





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw six colourful butterflies.



Read the sentences and draw the funny caterpillars.



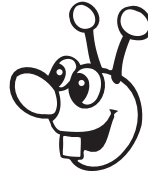
*This caterpillar has a long, orange body.*



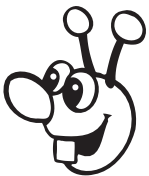
*This caterpillar has a hairy, red body.*



*This caterpillar has a fat, blue body.*



*This caterpillar has a thin, green body.*



*This caterpillar has a short, yellow body.*



*This caterpillar has a spiky, pink body.*

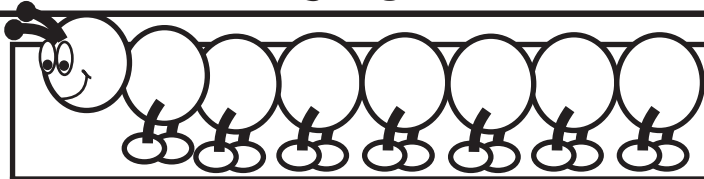


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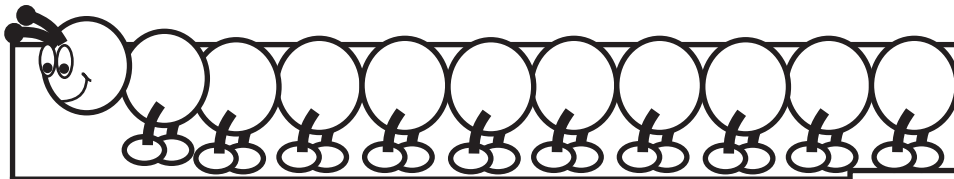
Draw a long caterpillar with 20 body segments.



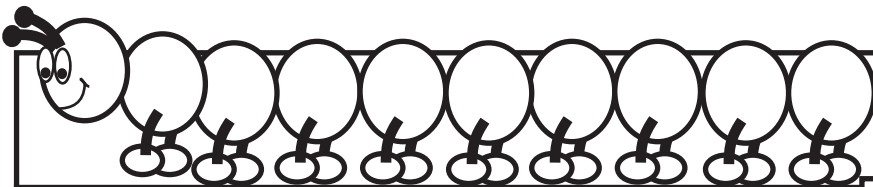
Count the body segments and colour the caterpillars.



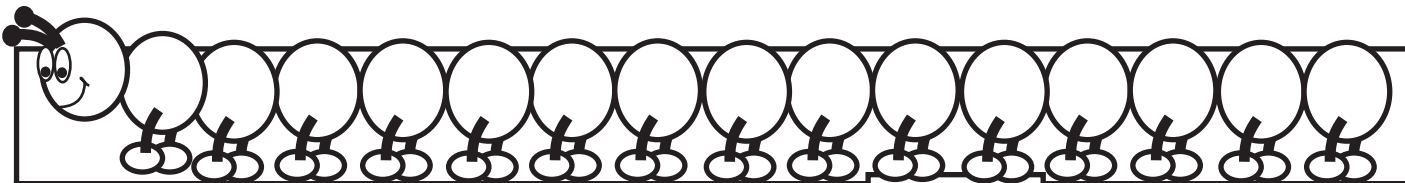
This red caterpillar has one head and  body segments.



This blue caterpillar has one head and  body segments.



This green caterpillar has one head and  body segments.



This brown caterpillar has one head and  body segments.

Cut out the words below and paste them together to make a sentence about caterpillars.

like

eat

Most

hairy

birds

caterpillars.

don't

to



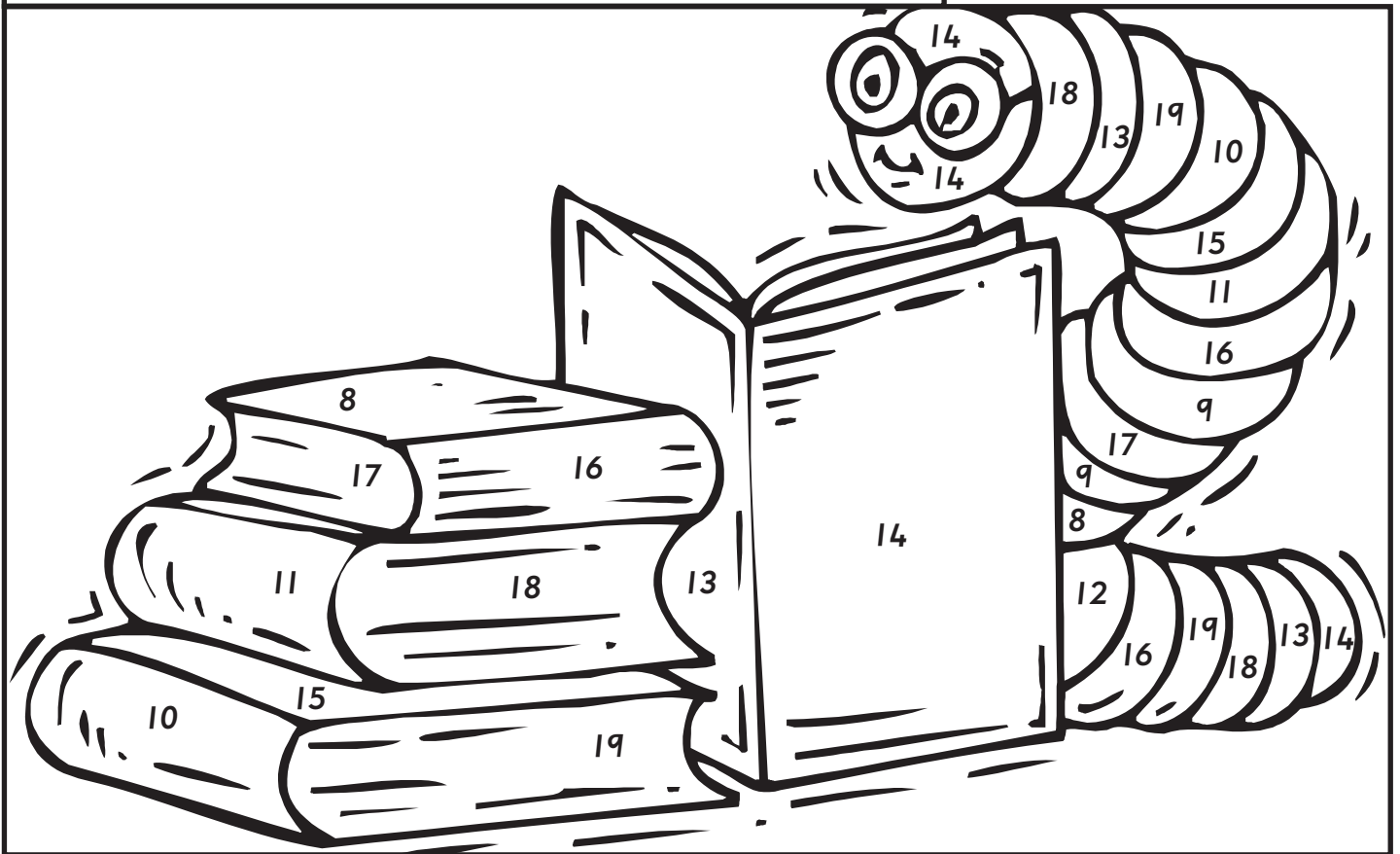
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw an apple with five worms.



Answer the sums to find the colours for the picture.

Subtraction to 20



Look for the answers more than once. Finish the picture in your own colours.

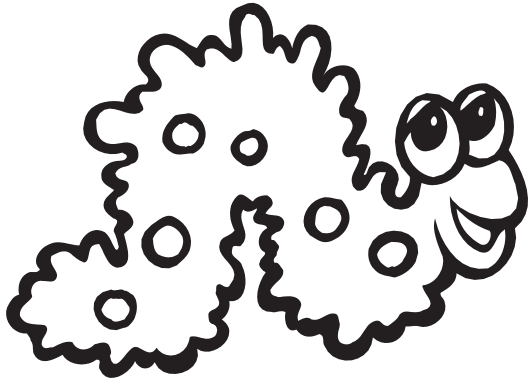
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orange $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ -7 \\ \hline \end{array}$	blue $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ -9 \\ \hline \end{array}$	purple $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	pink $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ -4 \\ \hline \end{array}$
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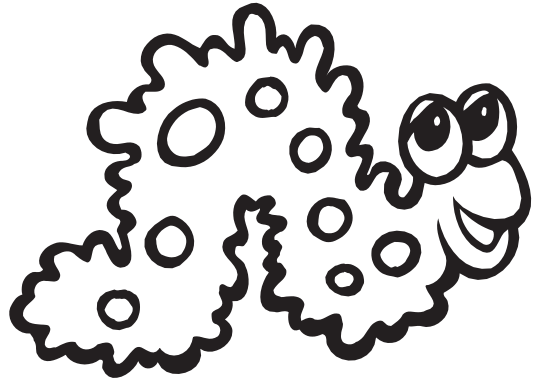
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a caterpillar with 15 spots. **ON THE BACK**

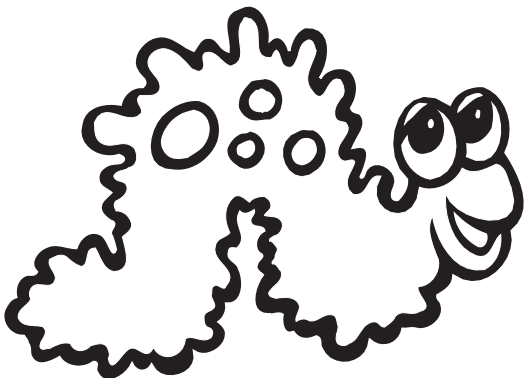
Colour and count the spots to match the sentences.



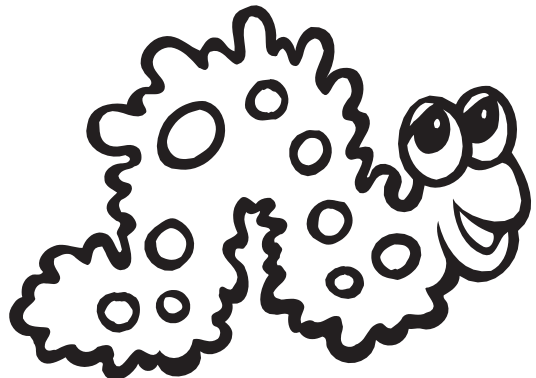
This caterpillar has  red spots.



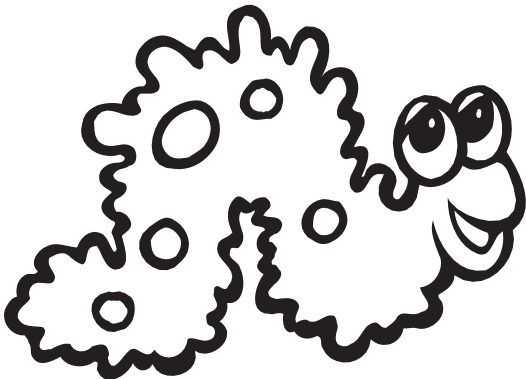
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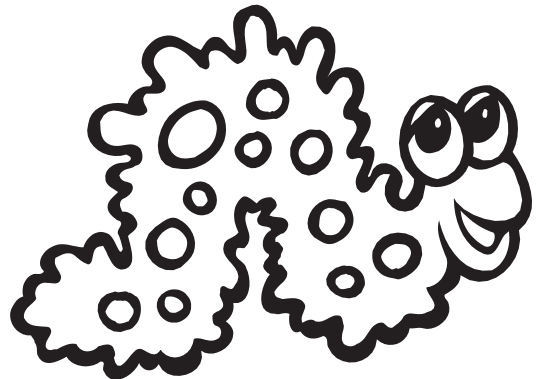
This caterpillar has  yellow spots.



This caterpillar has  green spots.



This caterpillar has  red spots.



This caterpillar has  orange spots.

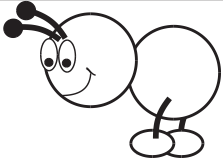


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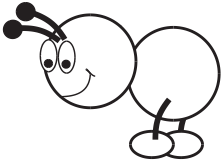
Draw a long, red caterpillar with twenty body segments.



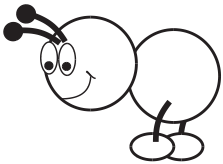
Draw the body segments and colour the caterpillars.



This green caterpillar has seven body segments.



This red caterpillar has twelve body segments.



This yellow caterpillar has nine body segments.

Answer these questions.

○ Why do butterflies lay their eggs on plants?

.....

○ What do farmers use that sometimes kills caterpillars?

.....

○ Why are some caterpillars brightly coloured?

.....

○ Put these caterpillar words into alphabetical order:  
cocoon, pupa, emerge, hairy, skin.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw four orange and black butterflies.



Write the missing words.

- Butterflies are beautiful ..... that live all over the ..... except at the North and South Poles.
- They look ..... at each stage of their ..... This is because of a process called .....
- The female butterfly lays her ..... and then caterpillars ..... from them. They then make a cocoon. Inside great changes take place and then the adult ..... breaks out and flies away.

world  
 different  
 metamorphosis  
 eggs  
 insects  
 hatch  
 butterfly  
 life



Look up these words in the dictionary.

① metamorphosis

.....

② chrysalis

.....

③ pupa

.....

④ camouflage

.....



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

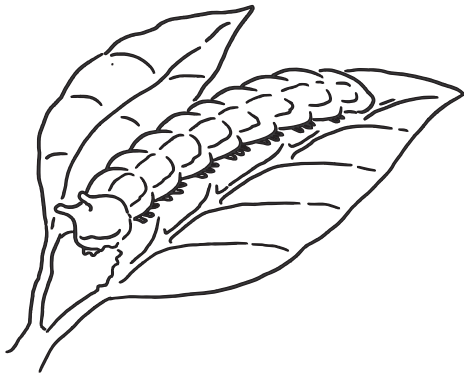
Draw four beautiful butterflies.



Match the words and pictures by pasting them in order to show the life cycle of a butterfly.



Caterpillars hatch from these eggs.



The caterpillar turns into a pupa and then a chrysalis.



The female butterfly lays her eggs.



The butterfly hatches out.



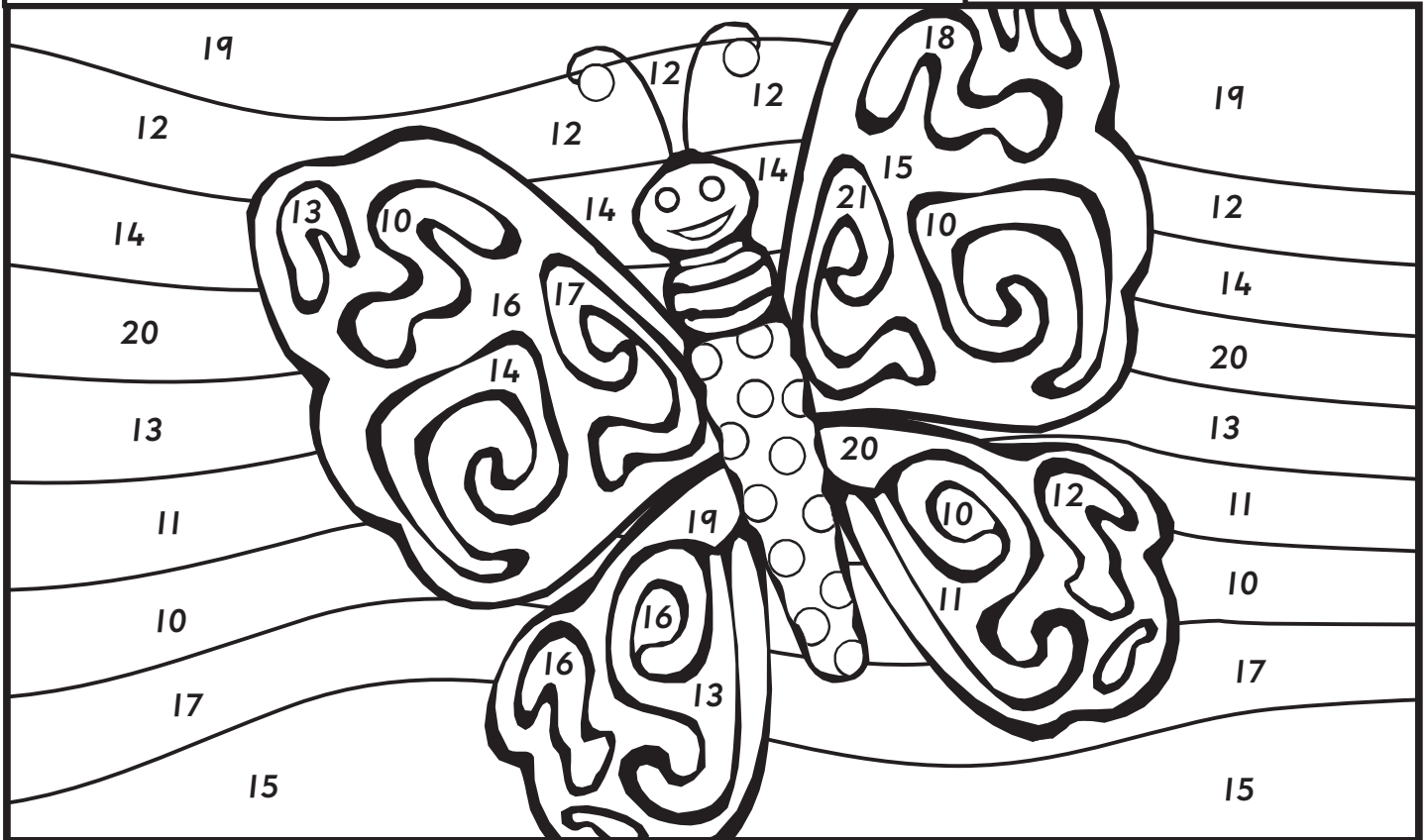


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw five caterpillars. **ON THE BACK**

Answer the sums to find the colours for the picture.

Addition to 21



Look for the answers more than once. Finish the picture in your own colours.

black	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$	red	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$	brown	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 11 \\ \hline \end{array}$	white	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$
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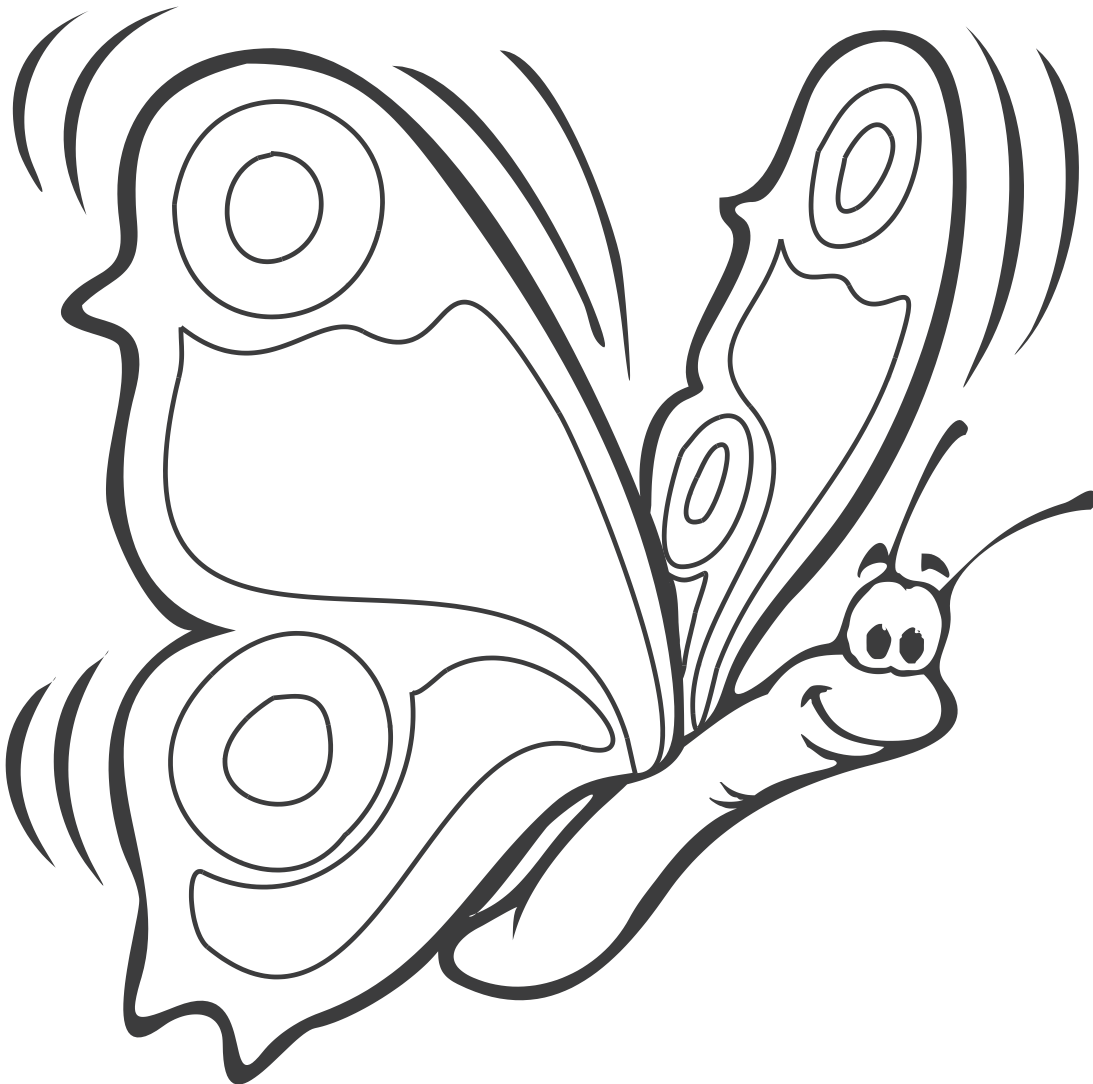
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a long,  
green caterpillar.

ON THE  
BACK

Read the story and colour the picture to match.

This happy butterfly has a brown body. There are four big, red rings on its wings. The rest of the wings are coloured green and blue. The butterfly is flying near a beautiful, yellow flower.



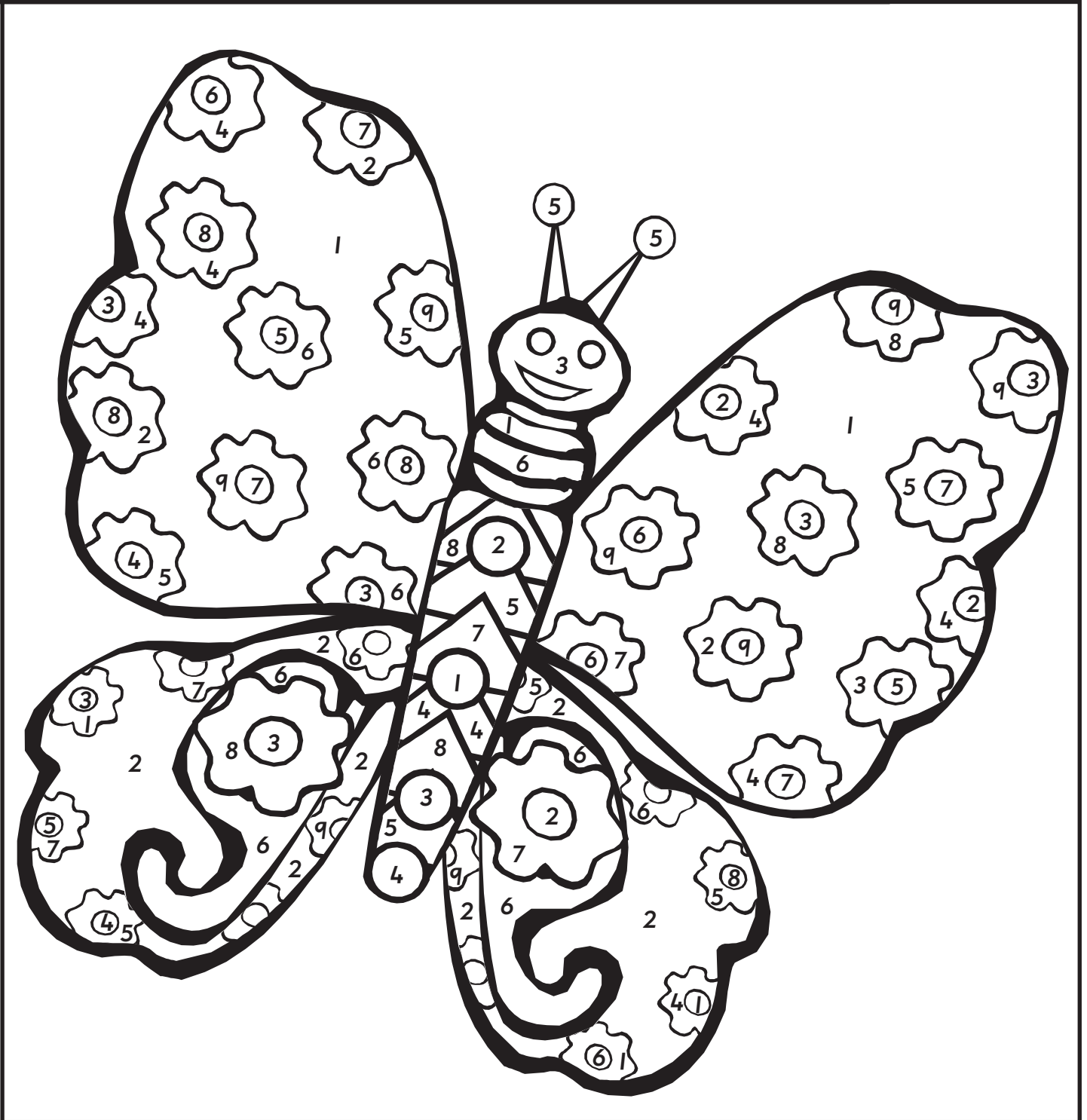


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a butterfly in a garden.



Match the numbers to colour this picture of a butterfly.



Finish the picture in your own colours.

- 1 ... red
- 2 ... blue
- 3 ... green

- 4 ... yellow
- 5 ... black
- 6 ... brown

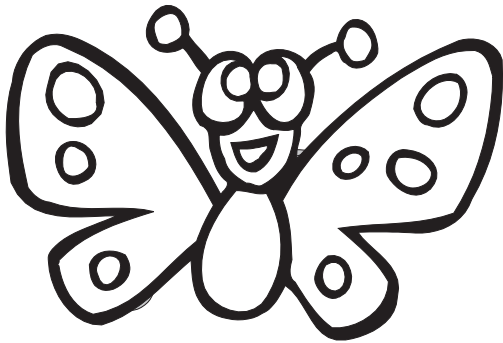
- 7 ... pink
- 8 ... orange
- 9 ... purple



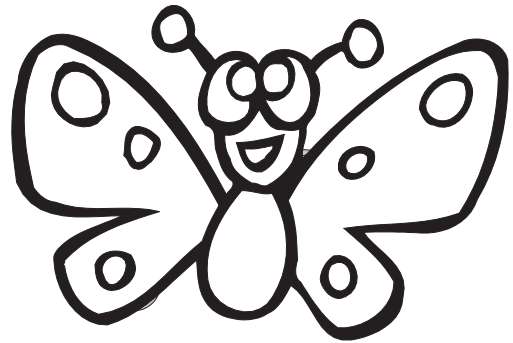
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a butterfly with 12 spots. **ON THE BACK**

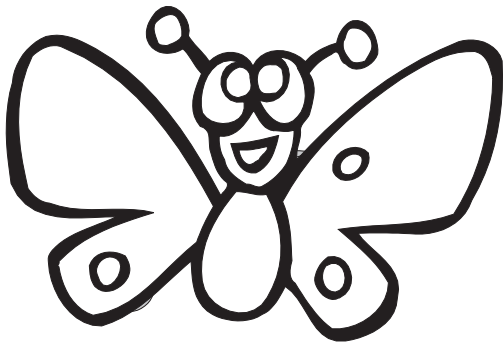
Colour and count the spots to match the sentences.



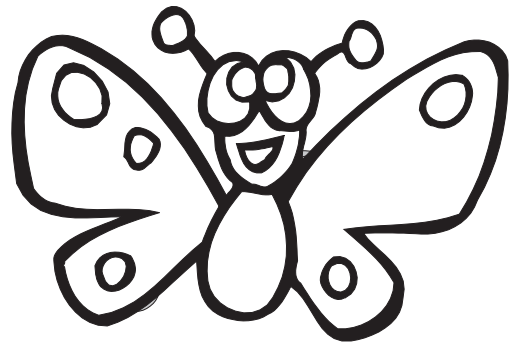
This butterfly has  yellow spots.



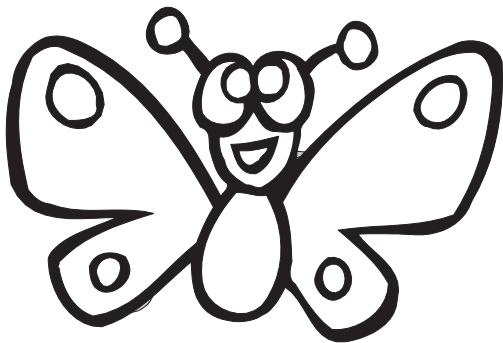
This butterfly has  green spots.



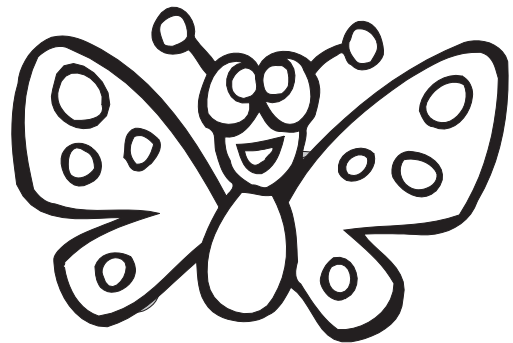
This butterfly has  orange spots.



This butterfly has  blue spots.



This butterfly has  pink spots.



This butterfly has  red spots.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a red  
and green  
butterfly.



Trace over these butterfly words and colour the pictures.



insects



cocoon



caterpillar

flowers



wings

colourful



flying



butterfly



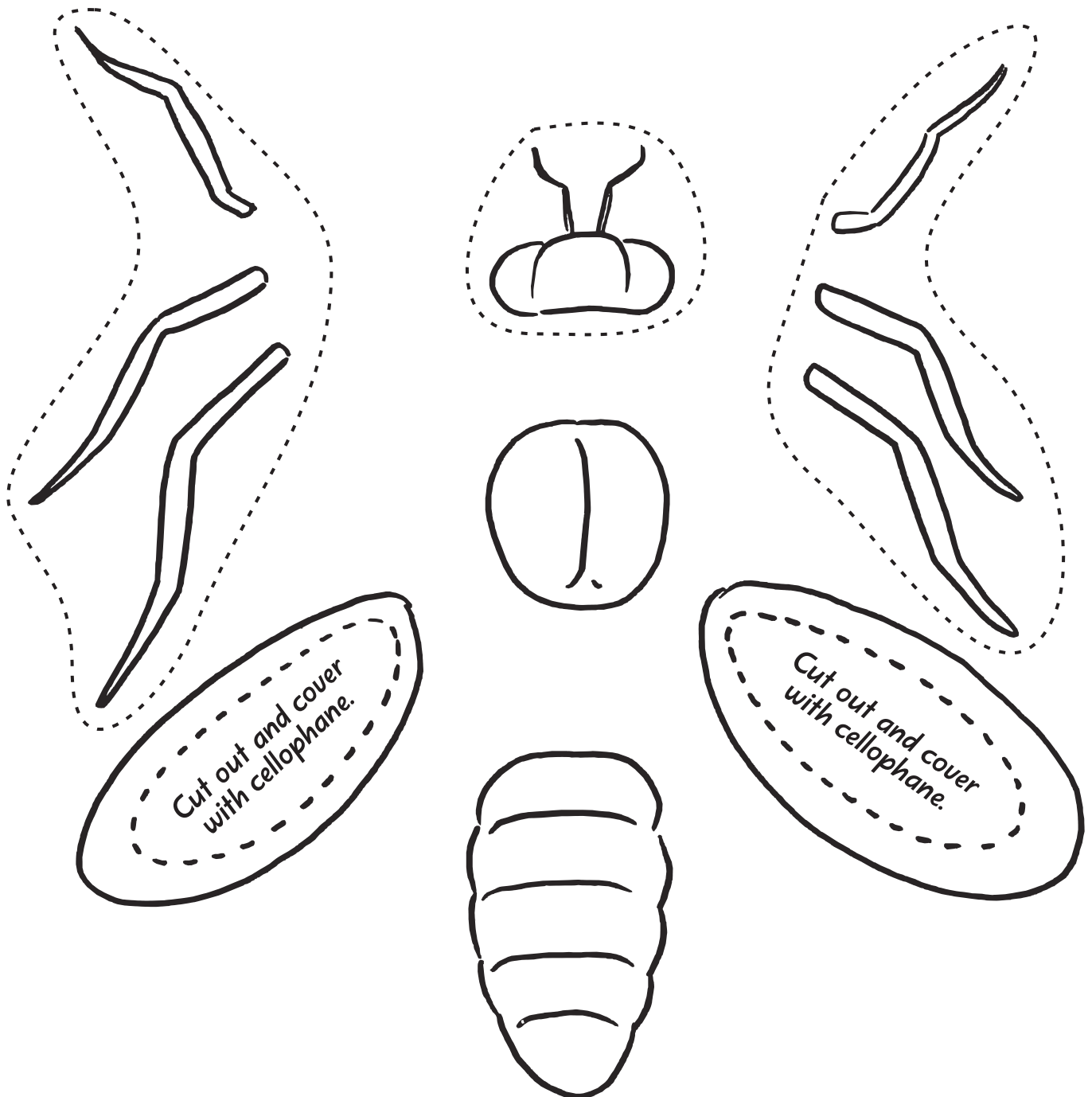
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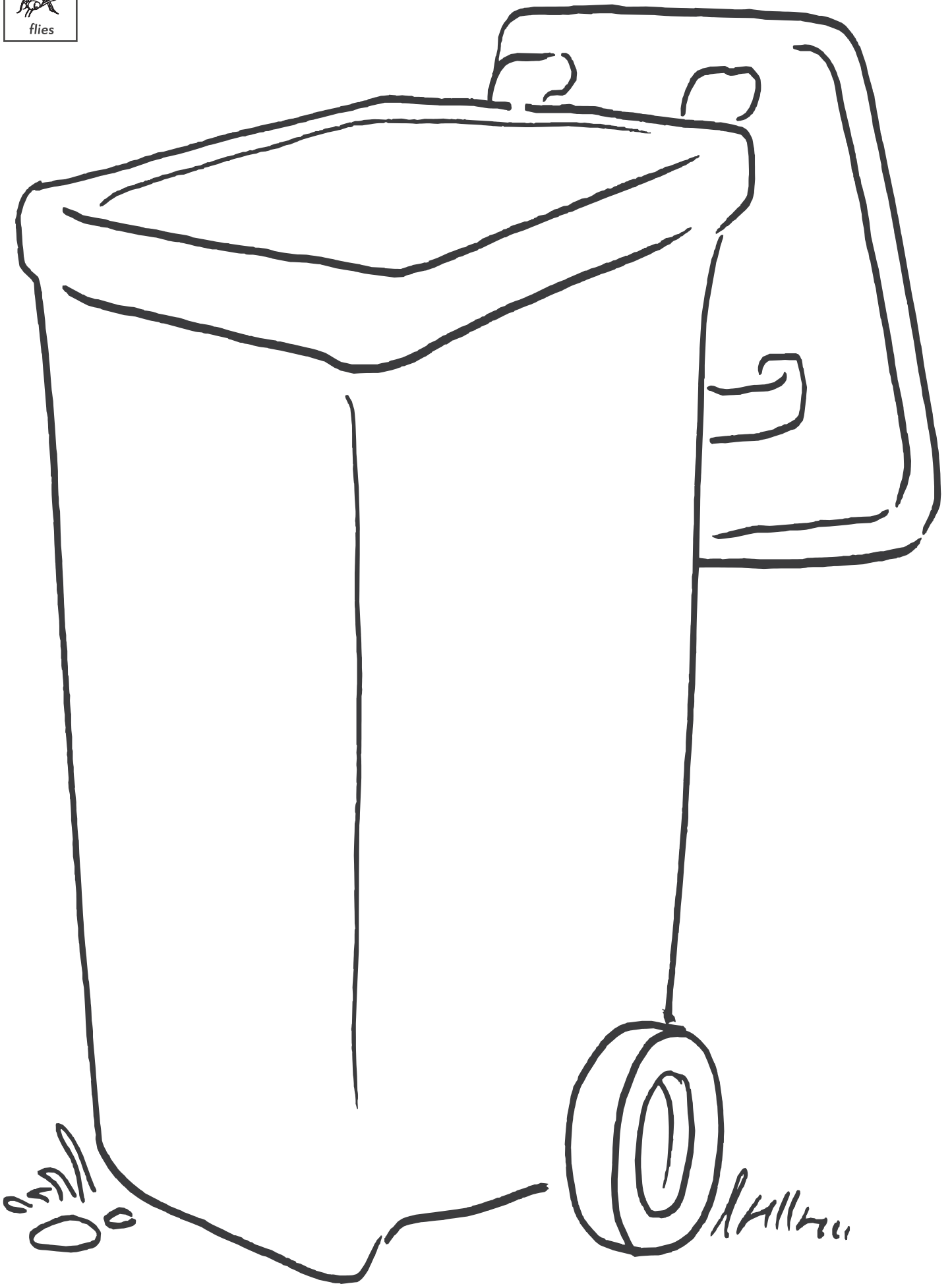
Draw twelve  
flies.



Follow the directions carefully.

- 😊 Colour in the parts of the fly.
- 😊 Cover the wings with cellophane.
- 😊 Glue the fly parts together.
- 😊 Colour in or paint the garbage bin on the other page.
- 😊 Paste or draw rubbish and/or food scraps around the bin.
- 😊 Paste the fly on the garbage bin.









Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw seven snail shells.



Write the missing words.

- All flies have ..... legs, two ..... , two large eyes and ..... like claws.
- Flies lay ..... which hatch into .....
- Their skins ..... and the maggots turn into .....



wings
hook
eggs
maggots
harden
six
flies

Draw a circle around the things flies eat.

Answer these questions about flies?

- ① How many pairs of wings do flies have?  
.....
- ② What part of their bodies do they use to taste food?  
.....



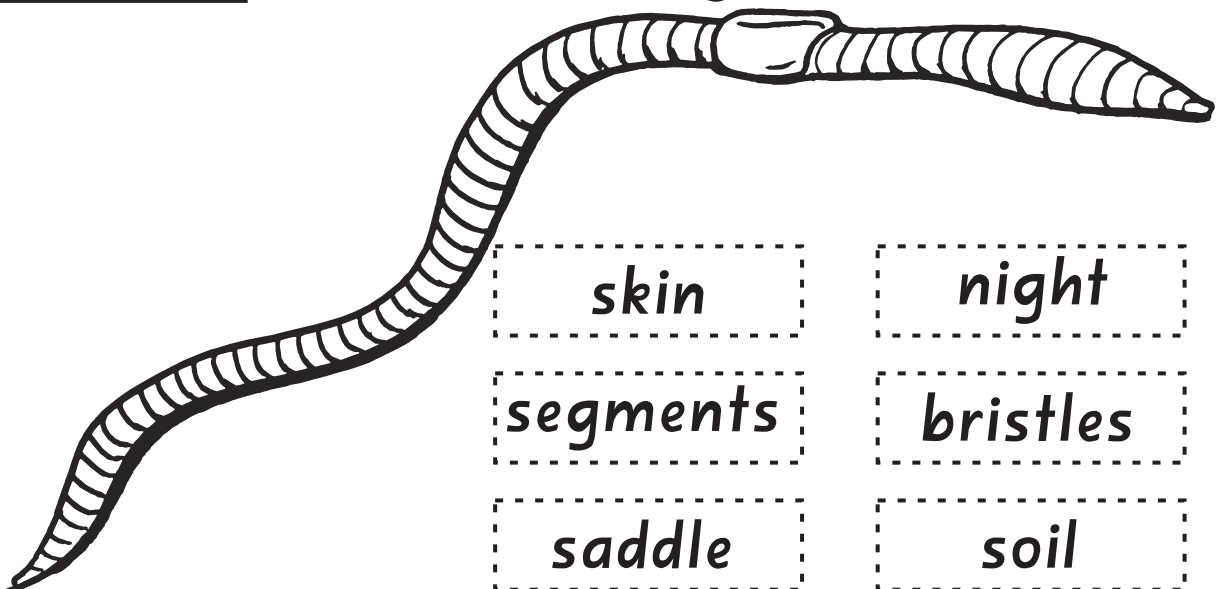
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a giant earthworm.

ON THE BACK

Cut out and paste the words into the story about earthworms.

- Earthworms make their burrows by eating their way through .
- Their  must stay smooth and damp.
- Earthworms come out at .
- Their bodies are divided into  which have  that grip the soil as it moves.
- Earthworms lay eggs from the band or  around its body.



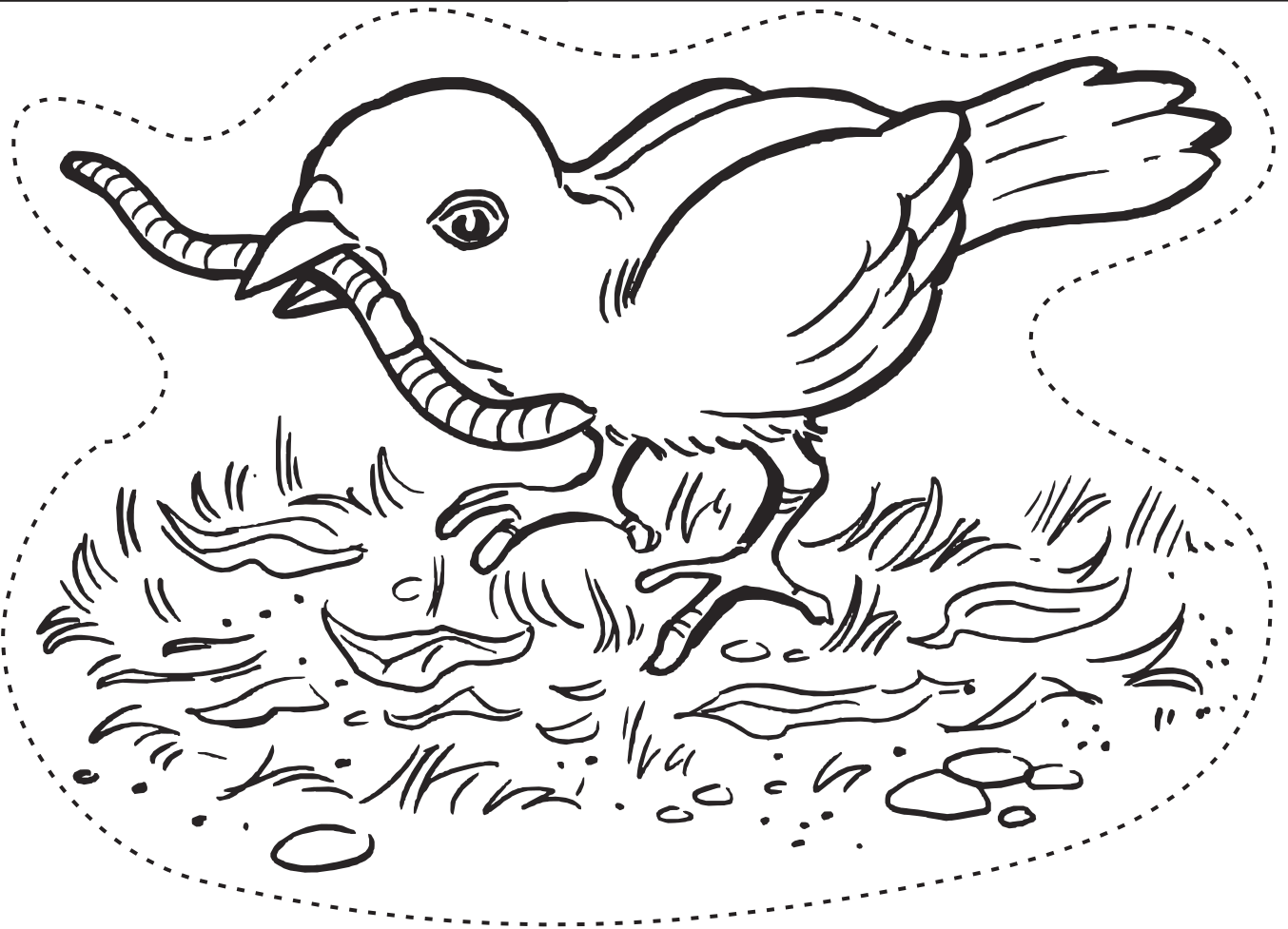


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw some worms under the ground.



Follow the directions carefully.



Colour and cut out the picture. Read the earthworm facts and cut out the four correct facts. Paste the bird on another piece of paper and paste the correct worm facts around it.

Earthworms collect dead leaves for food.

Earthworms like light.

The saddle is the lighter patch around the middle.

Earthworms like dry, hot soil.

Earthworms are sensitive to light.

Earthworms make their burrows by eating their way through soil.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw seven snail shells.

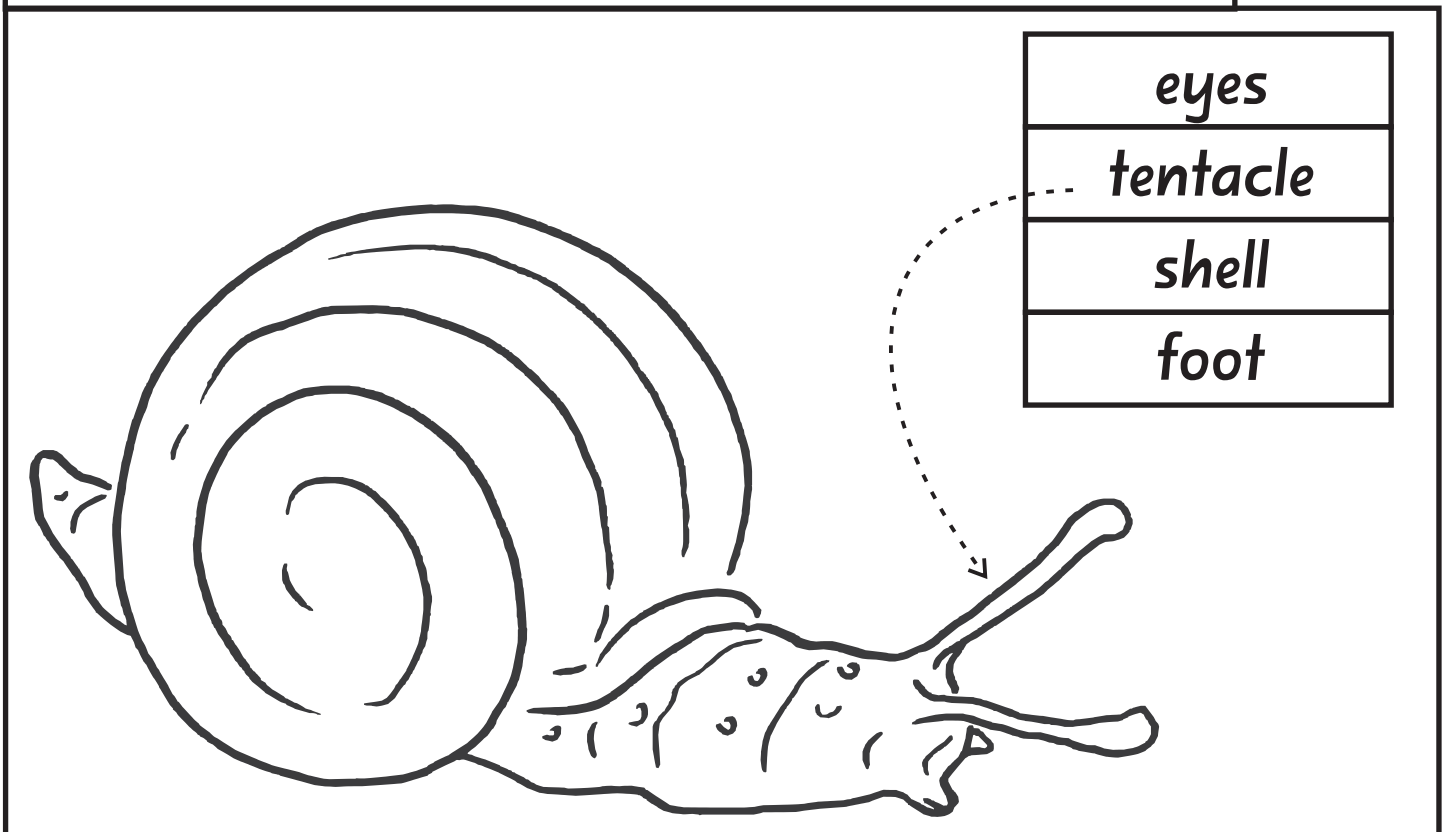


Write the missing words.

- Snails are more active on warm, ..... days or at .....
- They have spiral ..... that always curl in the same direction.
- Snails have ..... at the end of their two ..... tentacles.
- They use all ..... of their tentacles to touch, feel and .....
- Underneath the snail's head there is a ..... gland, which makes a silvery ..... of slime along which the snail .....

night
longer
four
slime
moves
smell
wet
trail
shells
eyes

Draw a line to the different parts of the snail and colour it.



eyes
tentacle
shell
foot

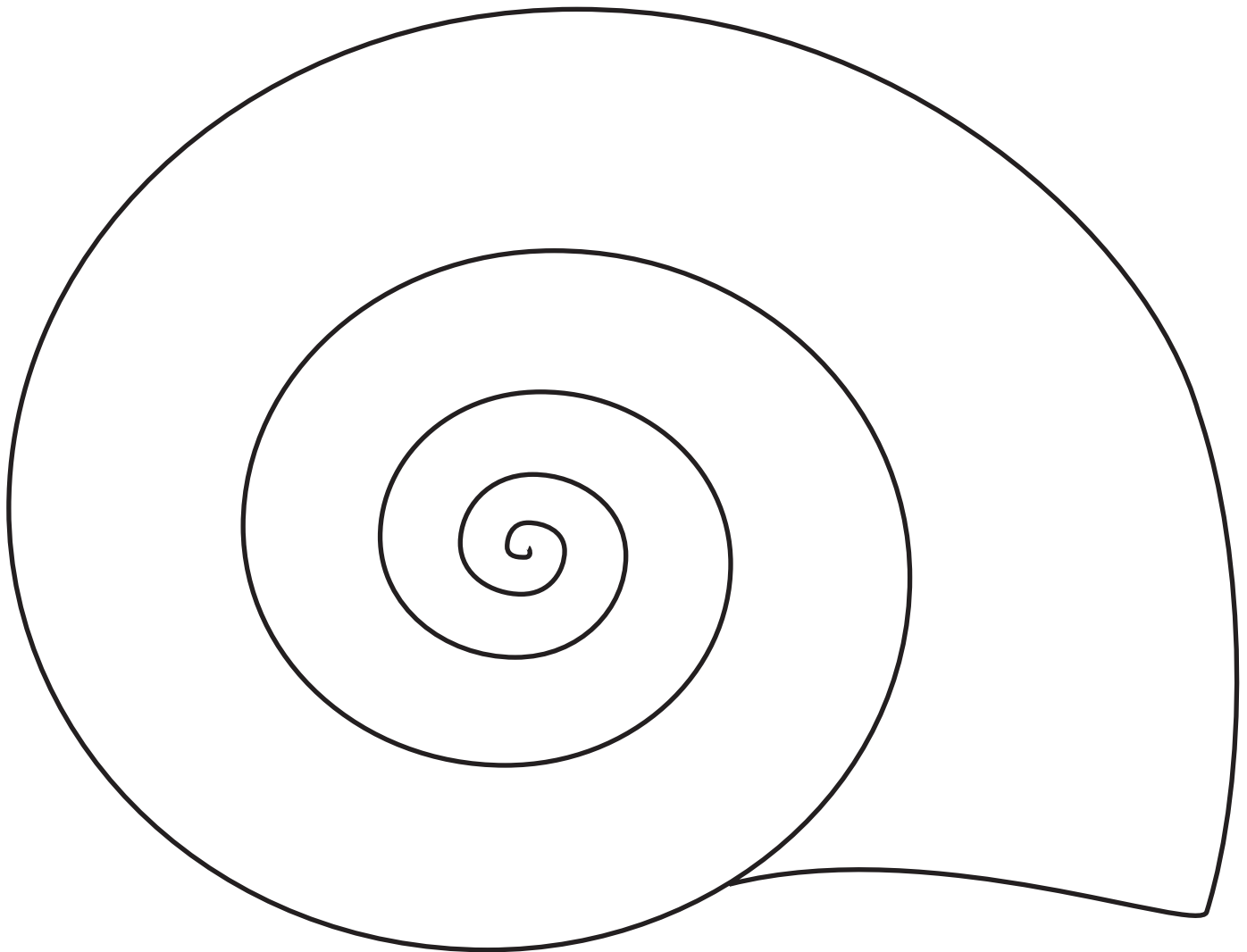


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a  
giant snail.

ON THE  
BACK

Choose the four correct facts about snails and write them in the spiral shape.



*Snails are most active at night.*

*Snails have six tentacles.*

*Snails only eat small fish.*

*Snails lay eggs in the soil.*

*Snails go into their shells so that they won't dry out.*

*Snails breathe through a hole in the side of their bodies.*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a large,  
rainbow coloured snail.



Find the 'snail' words in the wordsearch.

p	u	g	a	u	j	g	c	r	o	t
h	g	r	k	k	d	t	s	j	n	e
t	g	w	w	p	q	o	l	o	n	n
o	x	b	y	n	q	o	i	s	m	t
s	h	e	l	l	s	f	m	p	h	a
h	b	q	t	z	u	y	e	i	o	c
i	u	r	t	r	a	i	l	r	r	l
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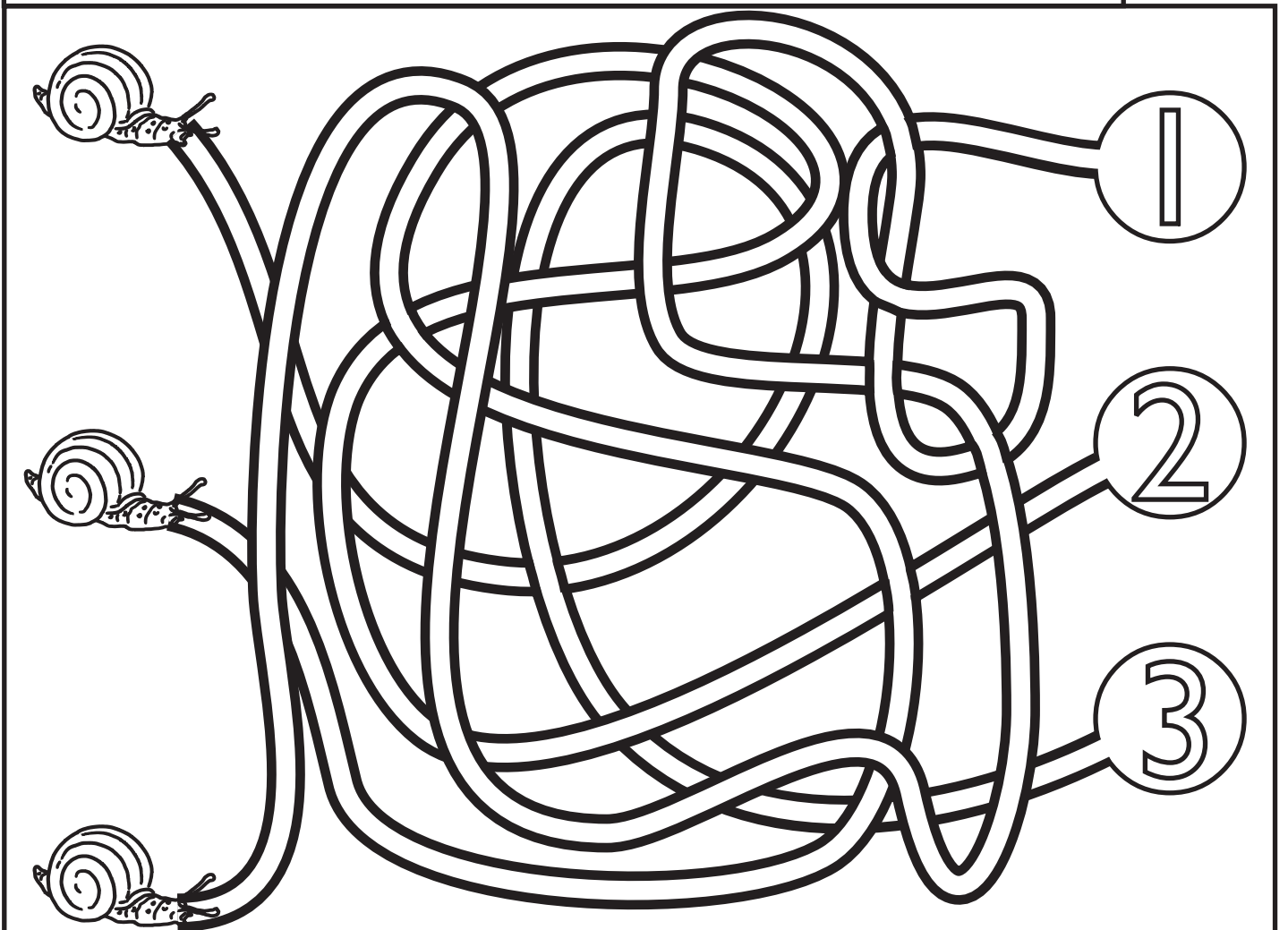
slime  
glide  
shells  
horns

trail  
spiral  
tentacles  
foot



Trace over the snail's paths with different colours.

Measure each path with a piece of string to find the longest one.





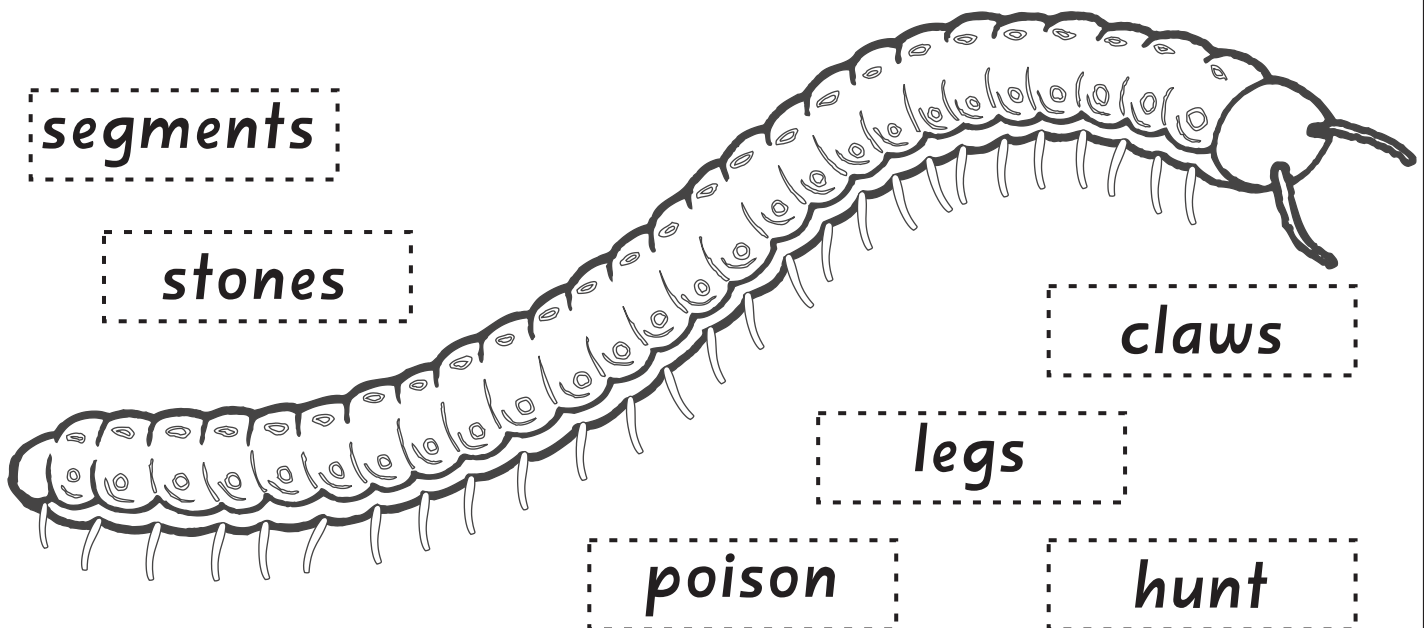
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a giant centipede.



Cut out and paste the words into the story about centipedes.

- Centipedes have flat bodies divided into about 15 . Each segment has one pair of .
- During the day they hide under .
- At night centipedes  for food. They move very quickly, grabbing small animals with powerful . They then inject their prey with .







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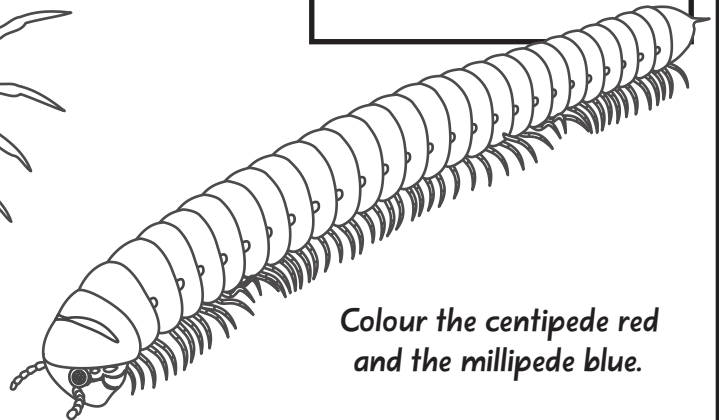
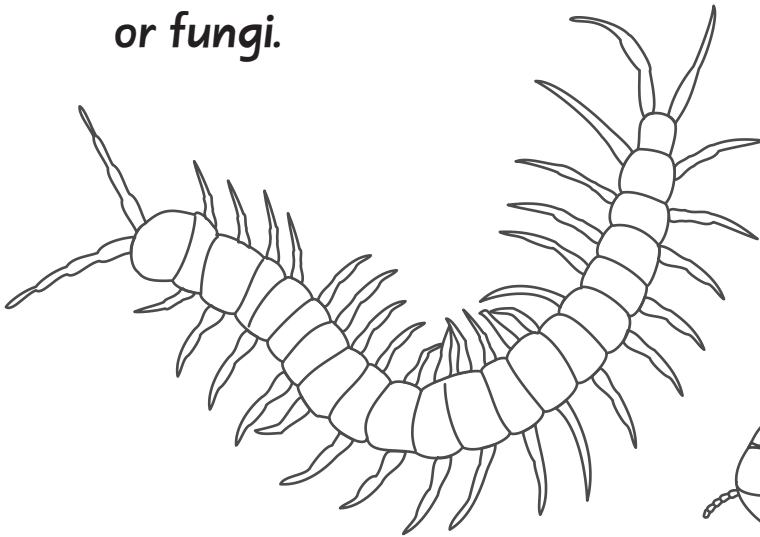
Draw a millipede curled up.



Write the missing words.

- A millipede's body is divided into .....
- Each segment has ..... pairs of legs.
- They are ..... moving and their legs ripple in .....
- They feed on mostly dead ..... or fungi.

two  
waves  
leaves  
segments  
slow



Colour the centipede red and the millipede blue.

Answer these questions about millipedes and centipedes.

- ① What is the main difference between centipedes and millipedes?  
.....
- ② Why are millipedes slower than centipedes?  
.....
- ③ What does a millipede do if it is frightened?  
.....
- ④ Why do centipedes have to move very fast?  
.....
- ⑤ What does the word centipede mean?  
.....

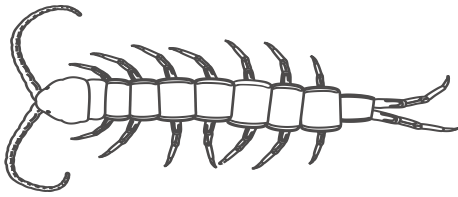


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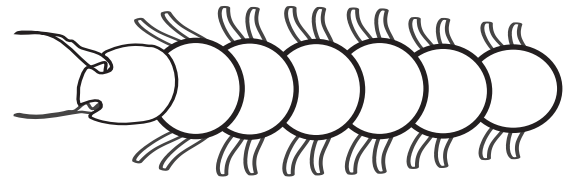
Draw four centipedes.



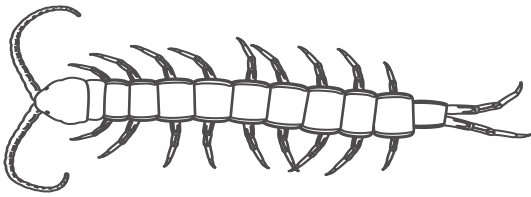
Count the legs on these centipedes and millipedes.



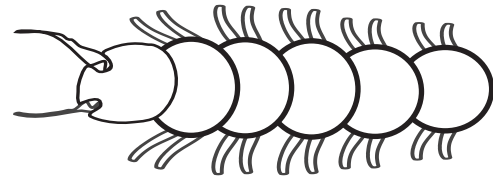
This centipede has  legs.



This millipede has  legs.

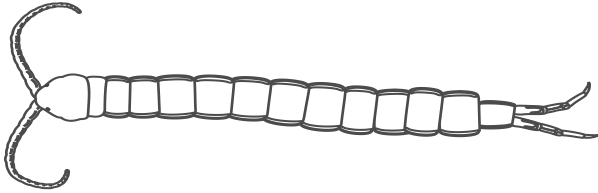


This centipede has  legs.



This millipede has  legs.

Draw the correct number of legs on these centipedes and millipedes.



This centipede has 20 legs.



This millipede has 14 legs.

Join these parts of sentences together so they make sense.

When they are frightened

with poison.

Centipedes inject their prey

at night.

Millipedes build nests

in the soil or under stones.

Centipedes hunt for food

millipedes roll into a ball.

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