

Have a Very Happy Birthday, HUNGRY CATERPILLAR!



Whether you're hosting a big themed party to celebrate The Very Hungry Caterpillar's 45th birthday, or just having fun at home with your little ones, there are lots of ways to enjoy this lovely story. Here are a few ideas to get you started . . .

★ COSTUME IDEAS ★

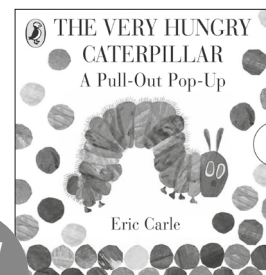
Dress up as a piece of **fruit**! If you're hosting the event, ask everyone to come dressed as a piece of fruit (or as their favourite kind of fruit). Perhaps they could wear the same colour T-shirt as their favourite fruit, or why not make fruit costumes **together**?

★ DECORATIONS ★

Hang a **moon** and a **sun** from the ceiling, and make a big sugar-paper **leaf** with a tissue-paper **egg**. You can make your very own **Very Hungry Caterpillar** using red and green balloons. This is also a really fun craft project for kids to **join** in!

★ START WITH THE STORY ★

Read and **share** the much-loved story. Ask children to **identify** foods and colours and whatever else they notice on each page. You can also use page 2 of this pack to get more helpful hints on **learning** with The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



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★ COLOURFUL CRAFTS ★

Encourage your children to have fun with the **colouring in** activities in this pack, and by making 'Happy Spring' **cards** to send to their family and friends. If they like these, they'll love the new *Very Hungry Caterpillar Doodle Book*!

★ FUN AND GAMES ★

Help the Very Hungry Caterpillar nibble a hole into his cocoon in the Caterpillar **maze** on page 4, and **count** all the different fruits he eats on page 5.

★ AFTER THE PARTY ★

At the end of the event, give everyone a **sticker** and help them display any pictures they have made!

★ Have a great party, and please feel free to send any pictures to puffin@penguin.co.uk ★



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Learn and play with THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR!



NUMBERS

- Count the colours
- Count the fruits
- Count the days of the week

DAYS OF THE WEEK

- What did the Very Hungry Caterpillar eat on Tuesday?
- On which day does the Very Hungry Caterpillar eat a pear?

FOOD

- What food does The Very Hungry Caterpillar eat?
- What are your favourite foods?

COLOURS

- What colour is each kind of food that appears in The Very Hungry Caterpillar?
- What colour food do you like to eat?

NATURE

- Do you know where the Very Hungry Caterpillar's food comes from?
- Do apples grow on trees or in the ground?
- What do plants need to grow?

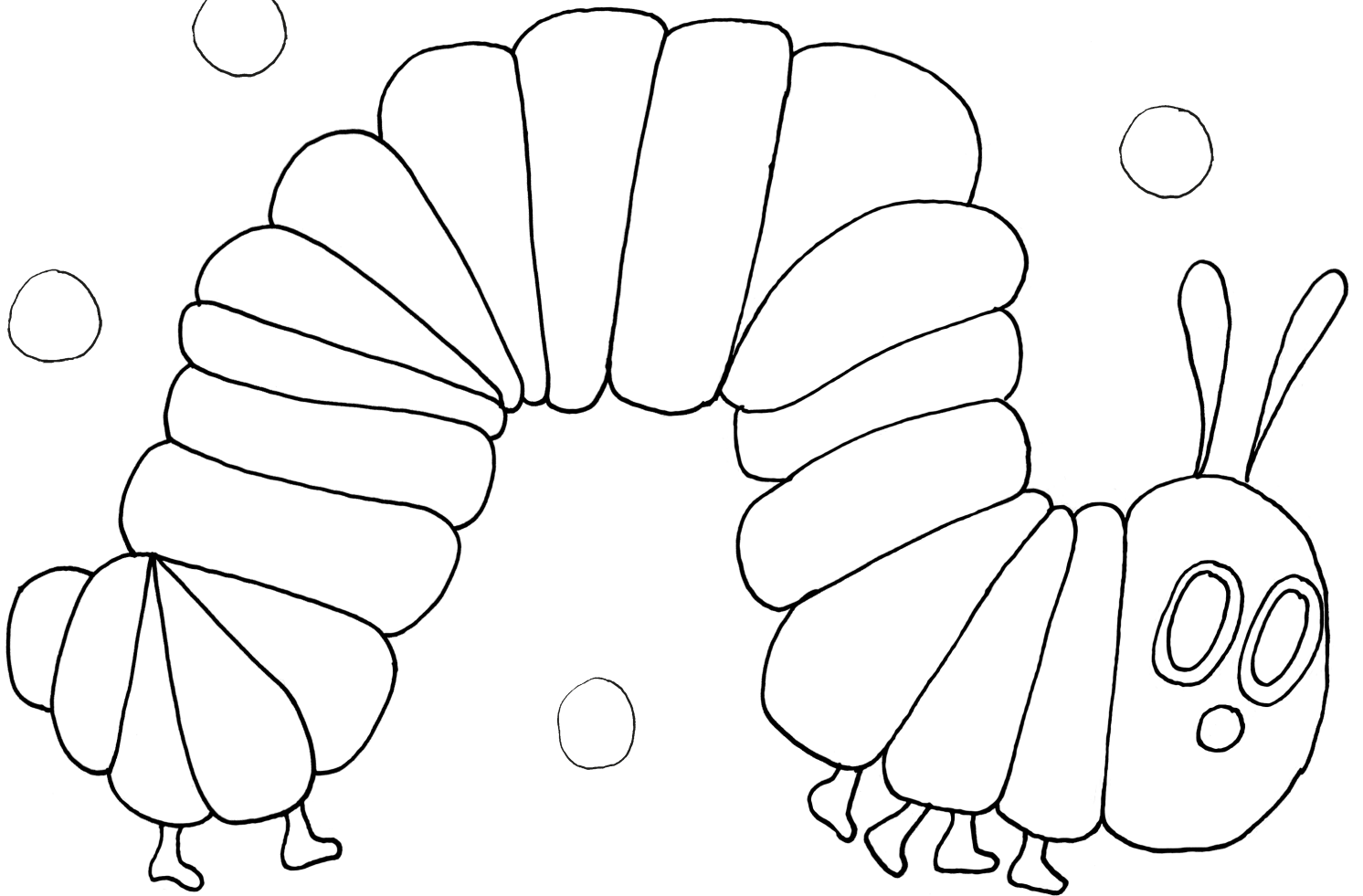
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- What letter does pear begin with?
- Find other foods in the story that begin with the same letter as pear?



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

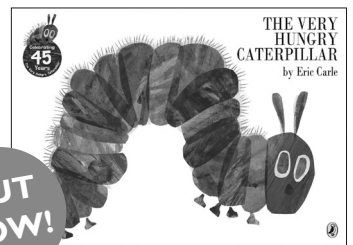
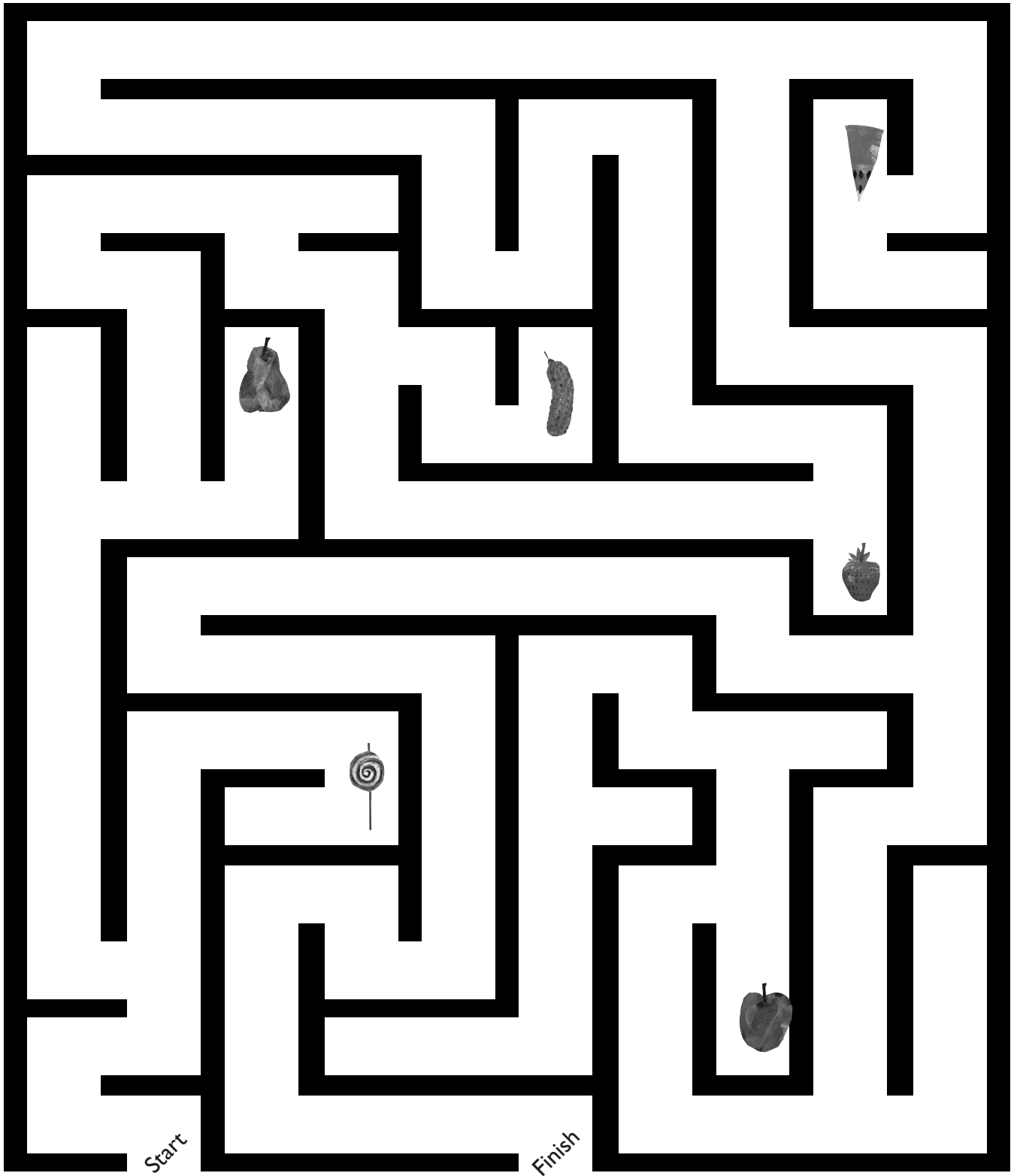
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Caterpillar Maze

Help the caterpillar eat his way to his cocoon!



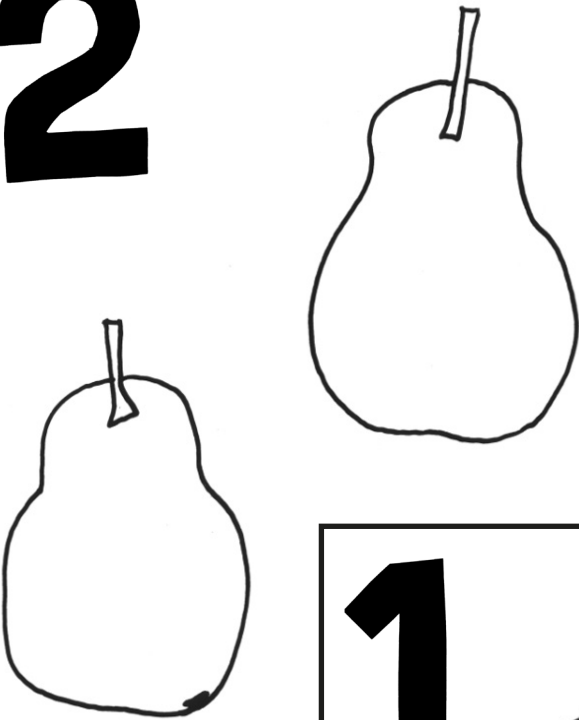
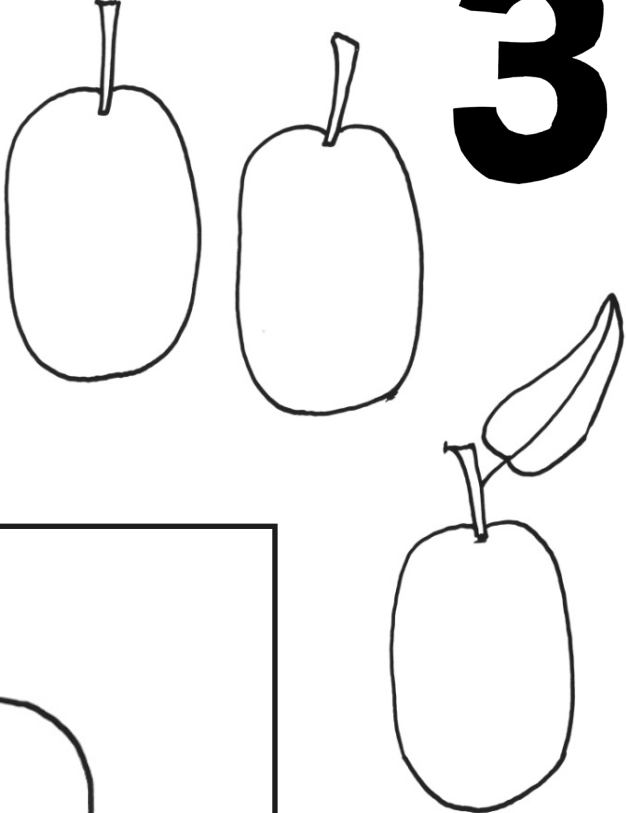
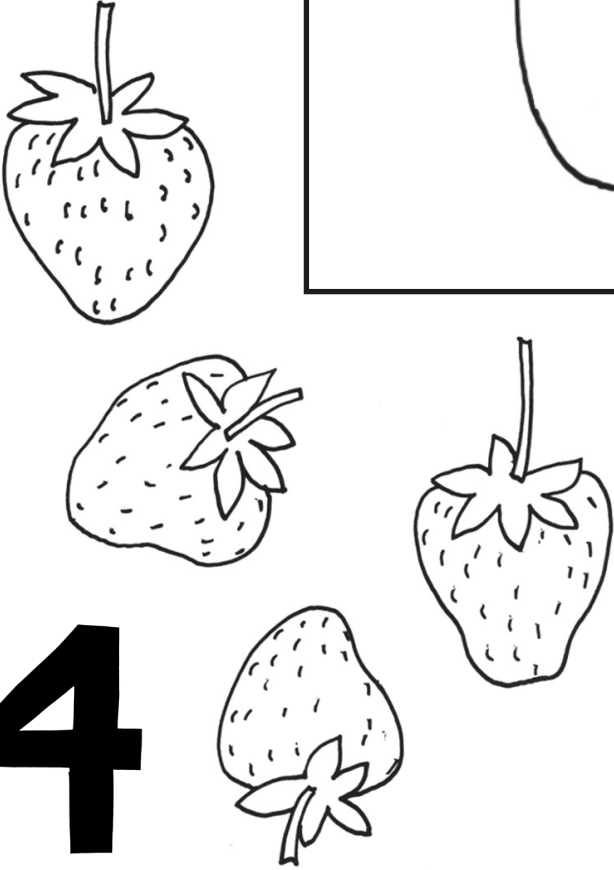
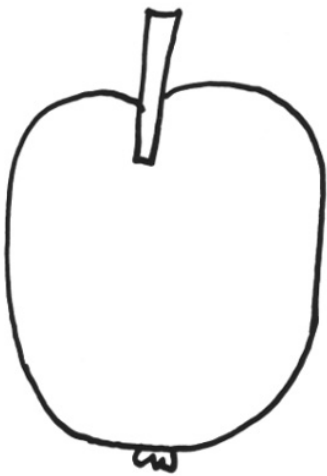
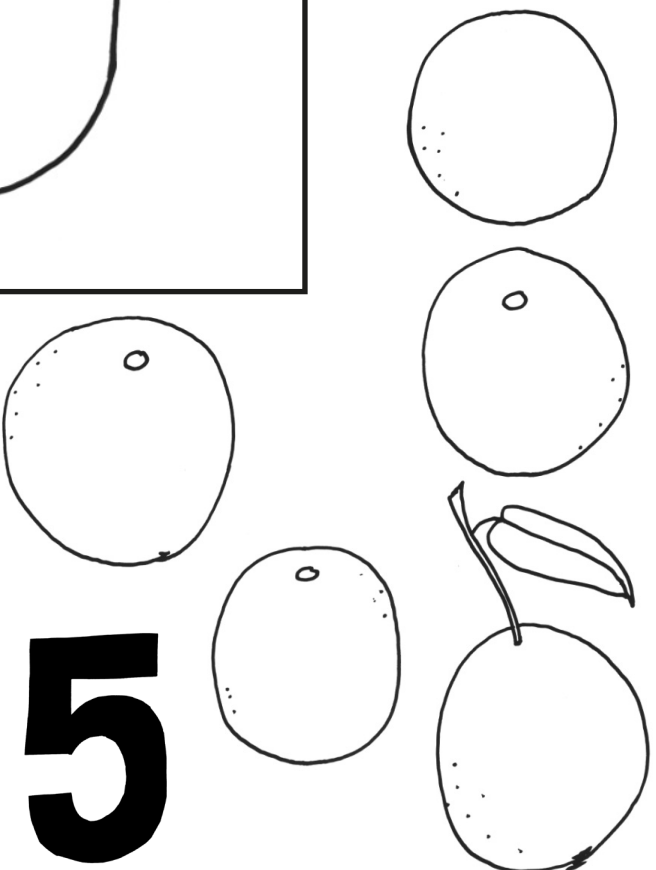
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Can you count the different fruits that the Very Hungry Caterpillar eats in the book?

What are the names of each fruit and what colour are they?

<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	
<p>4</p> 	<p>1</p> 	<p>5</p> 



A Happy Spring Card

Colour in and cut out this Spring card, then write a message and give it to your family this Springtime!



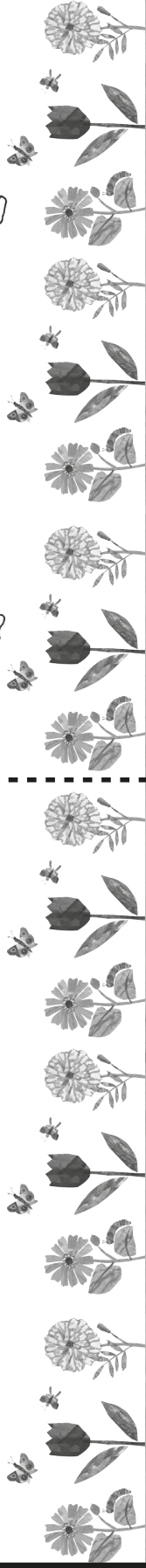
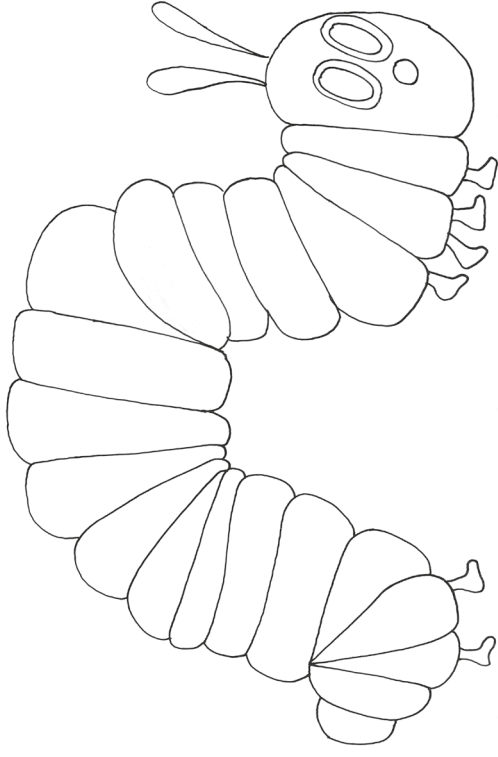
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Very Hungry Caterpillar!

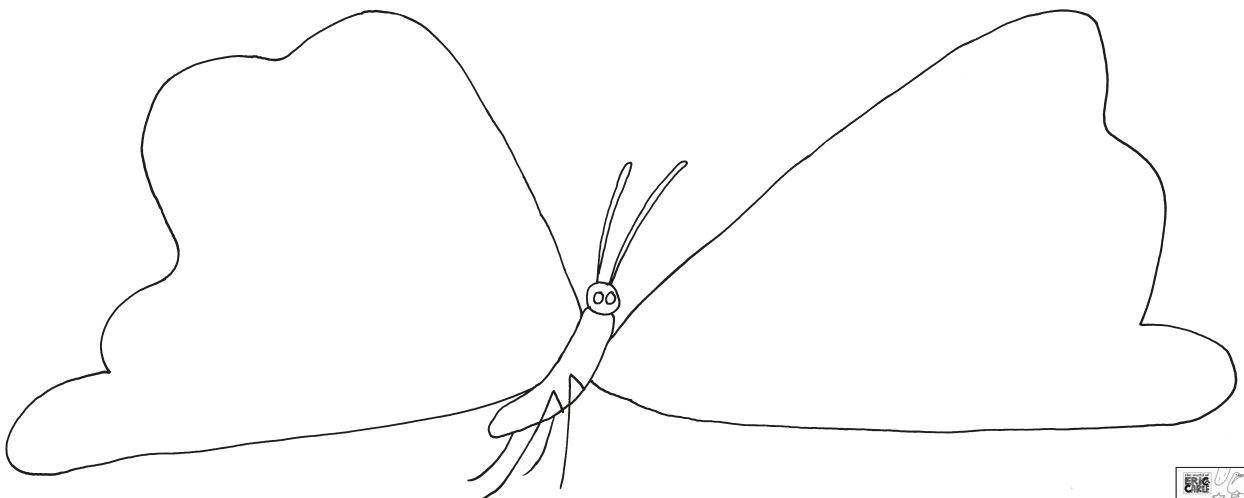
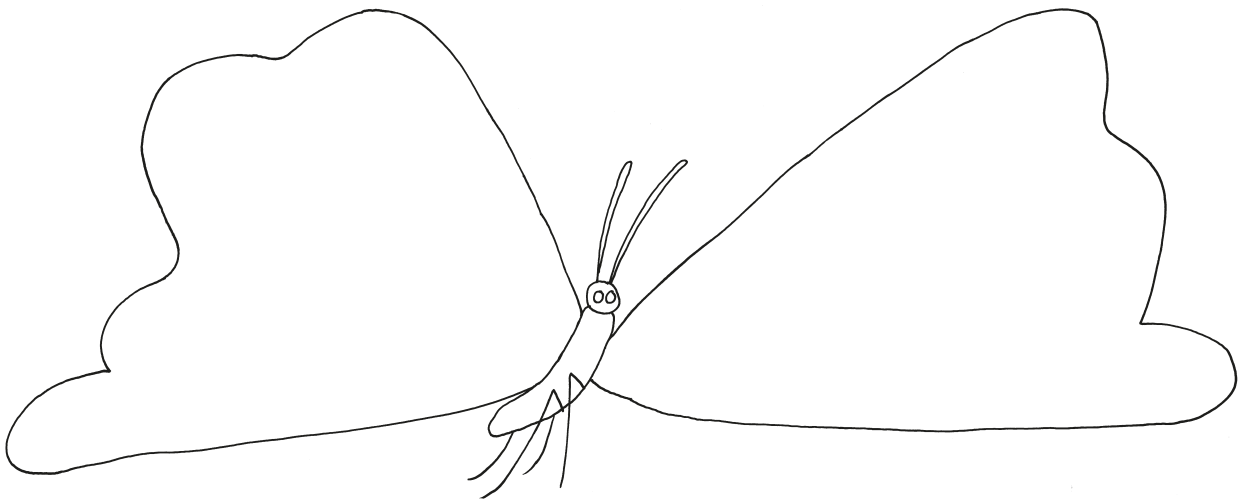
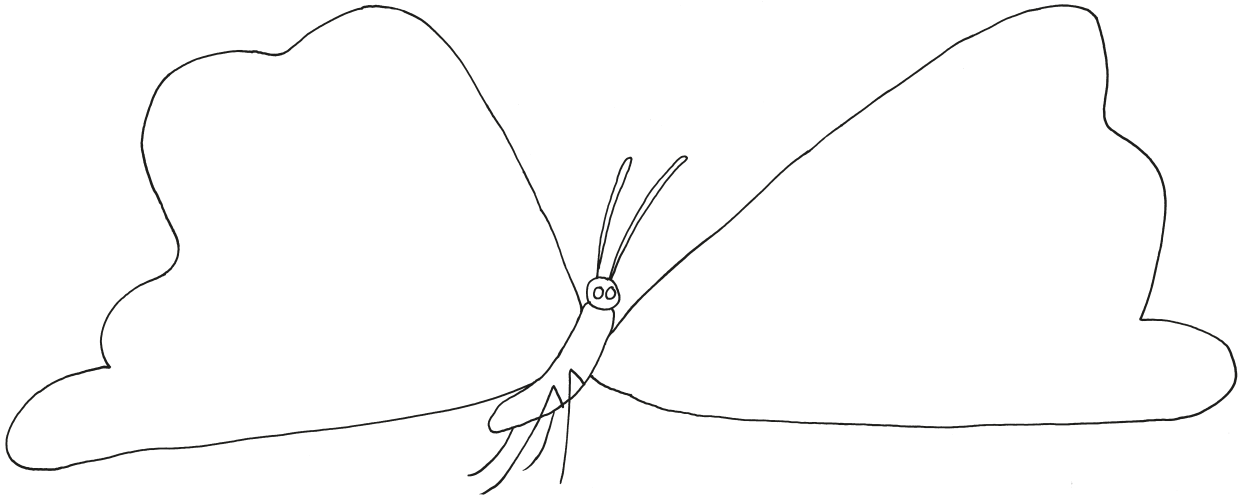
HAPPY SPRING!





The Very Hungry Caterpillar transformed into a beautiful butterfly!

Use your imagination to decorate these butterfly wings!





Can you colour the sweet foods that
The Very Hungry Caterpillar eats on
his way to becoming a butterfly?

