Book Talk

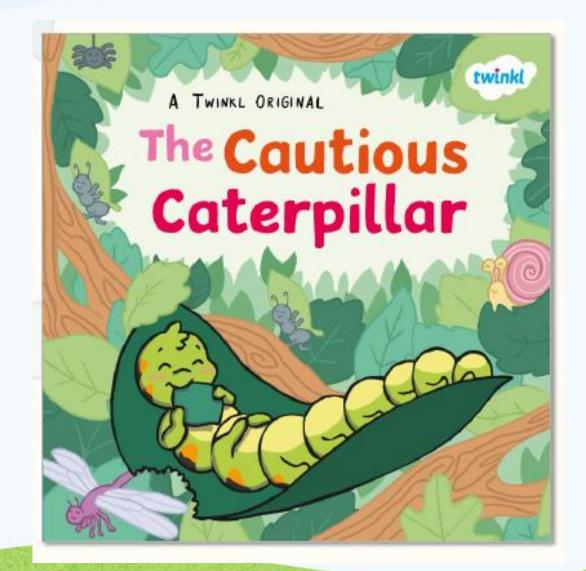
- This week we are reading a book called 'The Cautious Caterpillar.'
- Each day we will be focussing on a different reading skill.
- It is important that you read the book together so that the children can focus on the skills and understanding rather than sounding out the words.





- Infer
- Today we are going to infer meaning from the text. This is quite a tricky skill and so might need a little more discussion when answering the questions.
- Read the story together.
- Answer the questions as they come up.

Note: you only need to tell someone your answers, you do not need to write them down.



It was springtime in the garden.

Cody the Caterpillar hatched from her egg and crawled onto a big green leaf. She smiled happily.

"I love being a caterpillar!" she said and began to eat her tasty leaf. Just then, a ladybird flew on over.

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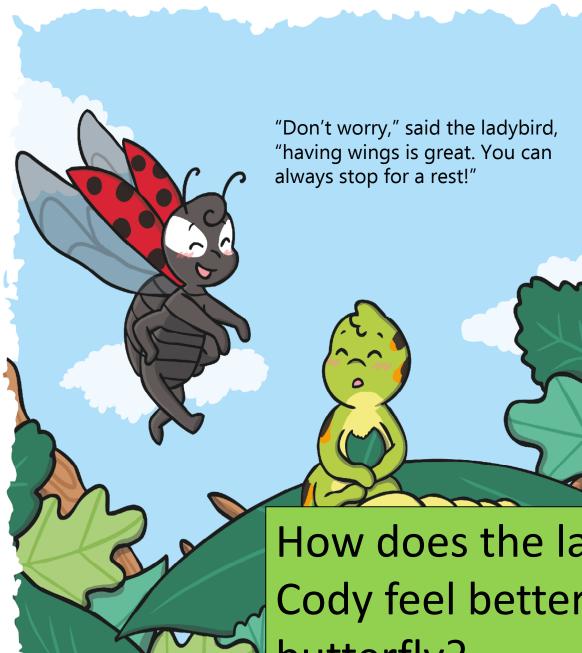
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Why does Cody want to stay as a caterpillar?





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How does the ladybird try to make Cody feel better about becoming a butterfly? The next day, a bee buzzed on over.

"You're very lucky!" said the bee. "When you become a butterfly, you will sip nectar like me!"

"I don't think I will like nectar," said Cody. "I wish I could stay as a caterpillar forever!"

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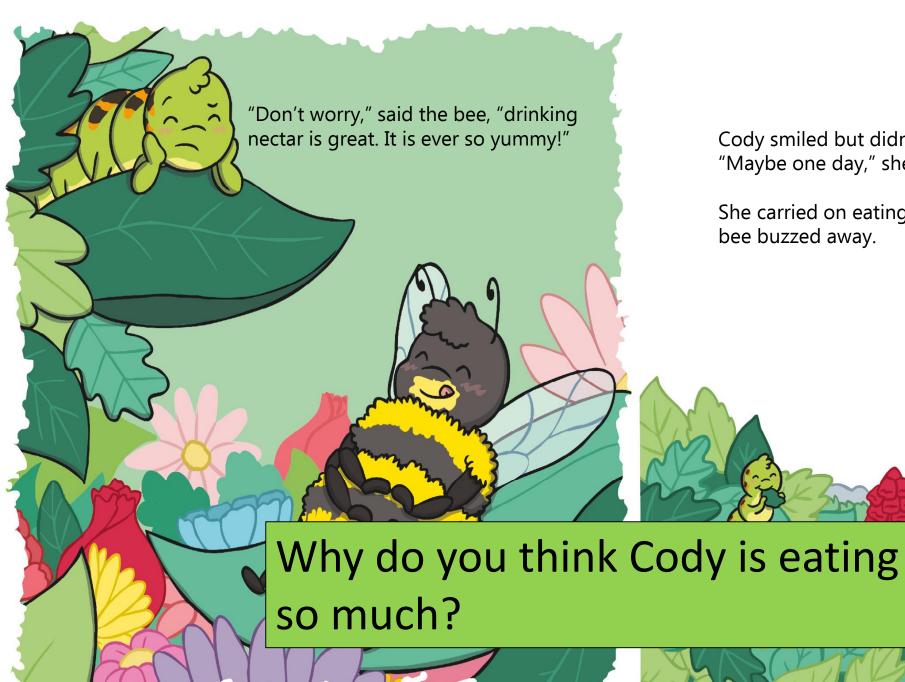
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Is Cody excited about drinking nectar? How do you know?



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A few days later, a grasshopper jumped on over.

"You're very lucky!" said the grasshopper. "When you become a butterfly, you will have six legs, like me!"

> "But I like having sixteen legs," said Cody. "I wish I could stay as a caterpillar forever!"

A few days later, a grasshopper jumped on over.

"You're very lucky!" said the grasshopper. "When you become a butterfly, you will have six legs, like me!"

Do you think the grasshopper is happy? Why?

"But I like having sixteen legs," said Cody. "I wish I could stay as a caterpillar forever!"



She carried on eating and the grasshopper jumped away.



The next day, Cody was full. She thought about everything her friends had told her and decided to be brave.







Maybe today!" she said, as she changed herself into a chrysalis.

She stayed like that for many days, until she was finally ready to leave her chrysalis...



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Why does Cody think that 'Having wings is great'?

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"This **is** yummy!" she said to the bee, as they sipped nectar together.

"Six legs **is** plenty!" said Cody, as she landed next to the grasshopper.

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That evening, she came across a caterpillar eating a tasty green leaf.

"You're very lucky!" said Cody. "When you have finished eating, you will become a butterfly, like me!"

How does Cody know that the caterpillar will become a butterfly?

That evening, she came across a caterpillar eating a tasty green leaf.

"You're very lucky!" said Cody. "When you have finished eating, you will become a butterfly, like me!" The caterpillar smiled but didn't look sure.

"I wish I could stay as a caterpillar forever!" he said.

"Don't worry," said Cody. "I loved being a caterpillar too, but trust me, being a butterfly is great!"