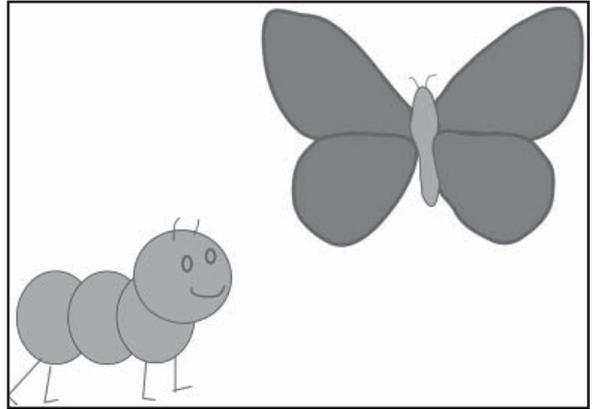


Cat and Pillar

It was a sunny day. Cat the Caterpillar was out playing. He was very happy, until he remembered that he had not seen his friend, Pillar, (who was also a caterpillar) in a few days.

Cat the Caterpillar began to look for Pillar. Just as Cat began his search, Mr. Bee came buzzing by. "Mr. Bee, have you seen Pillar?" asked Cat.



"No, I have not seen Pillar," said Mr. Bee.

As Cat continued his search, he ran into Mr. Ant. "Mr. Ant, have you seen my friend, Pillar?"

"No, I have not seen Pillar," said Mr. Ant.

Cat walked a little farther, then he sat near an orange flower and began to cry. His mother, Mrs. Butterfly, came over to him. "What is wrong with you?" she asked.

"I can't find Pillar," he said.

"Don't cry," said Mrs. Butterfly. "Pillar will be back soon. She is in a cocoon."

"Did you say that Pillar is in Cancun?" asked Cat. "Why is she in a city in Mexico?"

"No, silly," said Mom. "She is in a *cocoon*. She is turning into a butterfly. She will be back in a few days."

Cat began to cry again.

"Now what's wrong?" asked Mrs. Butterfly.

"I don't want Pillar to turn into a butterfly," said Cat. "She will not want to be my friend anymore."

"A true friend will always be a friend," said Mrs. Butterfly. "Besides, you will turn into a butterfly one day, too."

Cat began to cry again.

"What's wrong now?" asked Mrs. Butterfly.

"I don't want to turn into a butterfly," said Cat. "I like being a caterpillar."

“Oh! Cat, you worry too much,” said Mrs. Butterfly. “Everything will be all right.

Now run along and play.”

Several days went by. One day Cat was playing by the creek and a beautiful butterfly flew up to him.

“Hey, Cat, it’s me, Pillar,” said the beautiful butterfly.

Cat began to cry.

“Why are you crying?” asked Pillar.

“I am crying because you are so beautiful and because I am so happy to see you,” said Cat. “These are happy tears.”

Write a summary of the story.

The main character of the story is _____

He/She wants to _____
_____, but _____

At the end of the story, _____

I liked /disliked this story because _____

Answer the following questions about the selection.

1. **What is the main purpose of this selection?**
 - A. to entertain the reader with a story about a caterpillar
 - B. to give the reader scientific information about caterpillars and butterflies
 - C. to teach the reader about how caterpillars turn into cocoons
 - D. to persuade the reader go out and catch butterflies

2. **What is this selection *mainly* about?**
 - A. Cat the Caterpillar crying about not wanting to be a butterfly
 - B. Cat the Caterpillar asking his mother about his friend, Pillar
 - C. Cat the Caterpillar asking Mr. Ant and Mr. Bee about his friend, Pillar
 - D. Cat the Caterpillar missing his friend, then discovering that she has turned into a butterfly

3. **Which word best describes Cat the Caterpillar when he thinks that Pillar is in Cancun, Mexico?**
 - A. excited
 - B. angry
 - C. confused
 - D. happy

Research Questions

1. What is a cocoon?

2. How long does a caterpillar stay in a cocoon?

3. What is the lifespan of a butterfly?

Answer Key

Cat and Pillar

1. A
2. D
3. C

The First Day of School

1. A
2. C
3. A

The Big Picnic

1. A
2. C

Billy Bluebird

1. A
2. D
3. B

The Family Vacation

1. D
2. C

Scruffy's Vacation

1. A
2. C

Molly the Moth and Beatrice the Butterfly

1. C
2. B

Gummy Gummy Grape

1. A
2. C

Little and Tiny

1. A
2. C

Greg the Grizzly Bear

1. A

Answers for critical thinking and research questions will vary.

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