The Cautious Caterpillar

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.

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

"Flying looks very tiring," said Cody. "I wish I could stay as a caterpillar forever!"

"Don't worry," said the ladybird, "having wings is great. You can always stop for a rest!"

Cody smiled but didn't feel sure. "Maybe one day," she said.

She carried on eating and the ladybird flew away.

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!"

"Don't worry," said the bee, "drinking nectar is great. It is ever so yummy!"

Cody smiled but didn't feel sure. "Maybe one day," she said.

She carried on eating and the bee buzzed away.

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!"

"Don't worry," said the grasshopper, "having six legs is great. That's plenty for landing on the ground!"

Cody smiled but didn't feel sure. "Maybe one day," she said.

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...

...and become a butterfly!

Cody explored the garden, feeling happy and proud of her new wings.

"Having wings **is** great!" she said, as she flew past the ladybird.

“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.

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!”

Questions

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   - ◯ Cathy
   - ◯ Cody
   - ◯ Colin

2. Why didn't Cody want to fly? Tick one.

   - ◯ She thought it would be tiring.
   - ◯ She was scared of heights.
   - ◯ She thought she couldn't do it.

3. What did the bee sip? Tick one.

   - ◯ water
   - ◯ pop
   - ◯ nectar

4. What did Cody change herself into? Tick one.

   - ◯ a chrysalis
   - ◯ a caterpillar
   - ◯ a grasshopper

5. How did Cody feel about her new butterfly wings? Tick one.

   - ◯ grumpy and cross
   - ◯ sad and scared
   - ◯ happy and proud

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1. What kind of creature is Cody? Tick one.

   ◯ a bumblebee
   ◯ a caterpillar
   ◯ a ladybird

2. What did Cody want to do? Tick one.

   ◯ She wanted to eat nectar.
   ◯ She wanted to fly.
   ◯ She wanted stay as a caterpillar forever.

3. Write one thing Cody said to each of the minibeasts who tried to make her feel better about changing into a butterfly.

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   _____

4. Draw a line to match up the speech with the character who said it.

"When you become a butterfly, you will sip nectar, like me!"	the grasshopper
"Having wings is great!"	the bee
"Don't worry, having six legs is great!"	Cody

5. Complete this sentence.
   "Maybe today!" she said, as she changed herself into a _____.

   butterfly chrysalis ladybird

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   One of the following: "Maybe one day," or "I wish I could stay as a caterpillar forever!"

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

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   ◯ autumn
   ◯ spring
   ◯ summer

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   _____

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   1. _____
   2. _____
   3. _____

4. Draw a line to match each word to its meaning

nectar	to come out of an egg
chrysalis	a sugary liquid found in flowers
hatched	the hard case a caterpillar changes itself into before it turns into a butterfly

5. Why do you think Cody wanted to stay as a caterpillar forever?

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6. How do Cody's feelings change by the end of the story? Why do you think she has a change of heart?

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   Cody says she likes having 16 legs.

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5. Why do you think Cody wanted to stay as a caterpillar forever?
   Because she was nervous about changing and wasn't sure if she would like being a butterfly.

6. How do Cody's feelings change by the end of the story?
   Why do you think she has a change of heart?
   Various answers related to Cody being brave or more confident and realising that being a butterfly is also great.

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