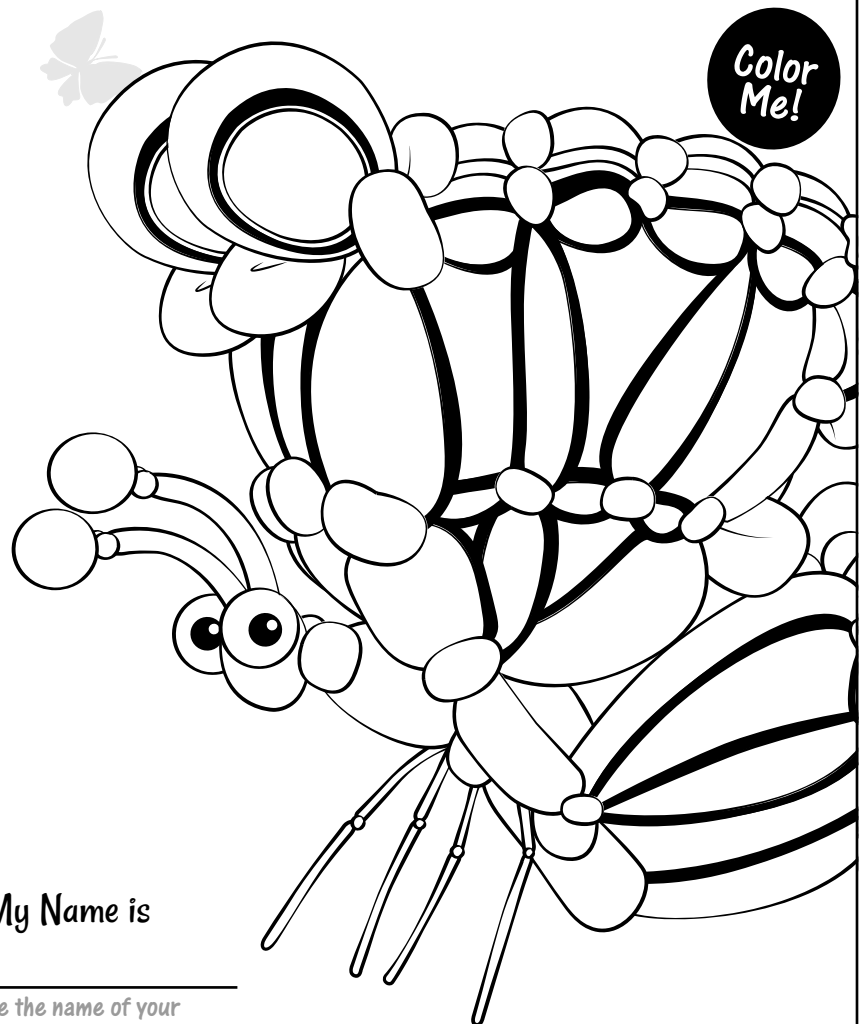


Animal Facts! - Butterflies

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- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Butterfly eyes are made of 6,000 lenses and can see ultraviolet light.
- There are 165,000 known species of butterflies found on every continent except Antarctica.
- Butterfly wings are clear – the colors and patterns we see are made by the reflection of the tiny scales covering them.
- Depending on the species, metamorphosis (meta-more-fuh-siss), the time when a caterpillar magically transforms into a butterfly, is completed in 10-15 days.
- Most butterflies fly at 5 to 12 miles per hour (8 to 20 kilometers per hour).
- Butterfly tongues, called a proboscis (pro-boss-siss), are long and tube-like; allowing them to soak up their food rather than sip it.
- Males drink from mud puddles to extract minerals that aren't available in flowers. This behavior is known as "puddling."
- "Puddle clubs" are groups of butterflies that gather at wet soil to suck up salts and minerals.
- Butterflies can only fly when their body temperature is above 86 degrees.
- Butterflies can live anywhere from 2 days to 11 months.
- Female butterflies are usually larger than males and they live longer.



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