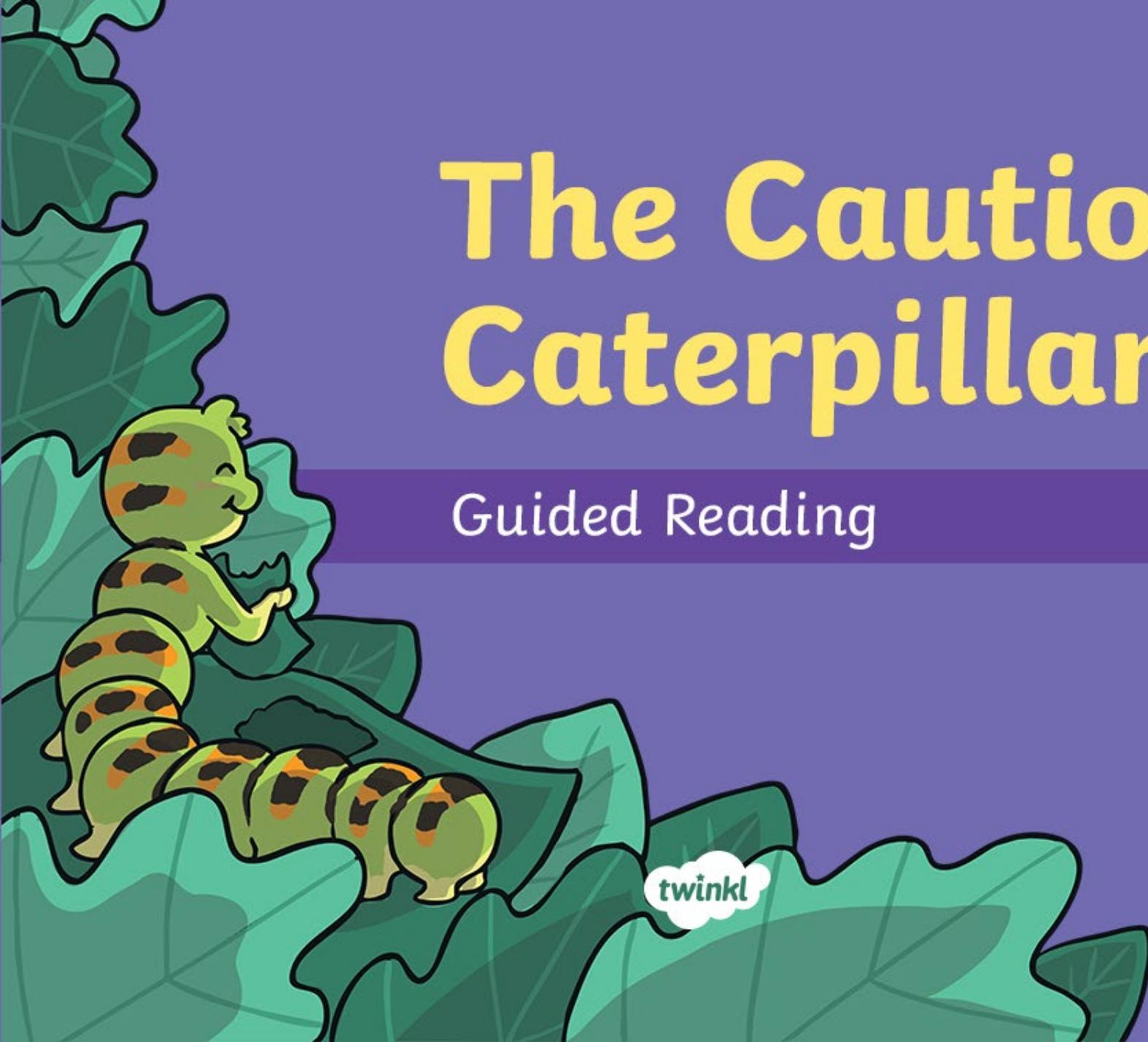


The Cautious Caterpillar

Guided Reading

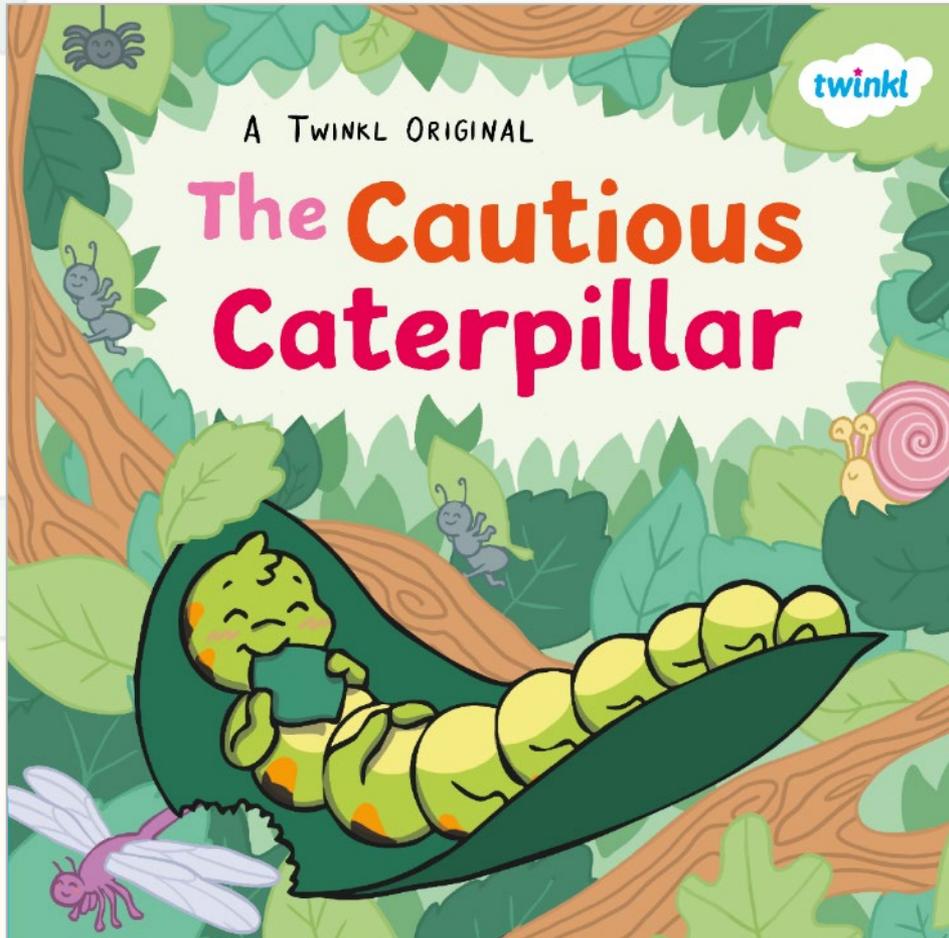


The Cautious Caterpillar

Read the book 'The Cautious Caterpillar' and look at the illustrations.

Use the book to help you answer the following questions.





What do you think this book is going to be about?



Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction?

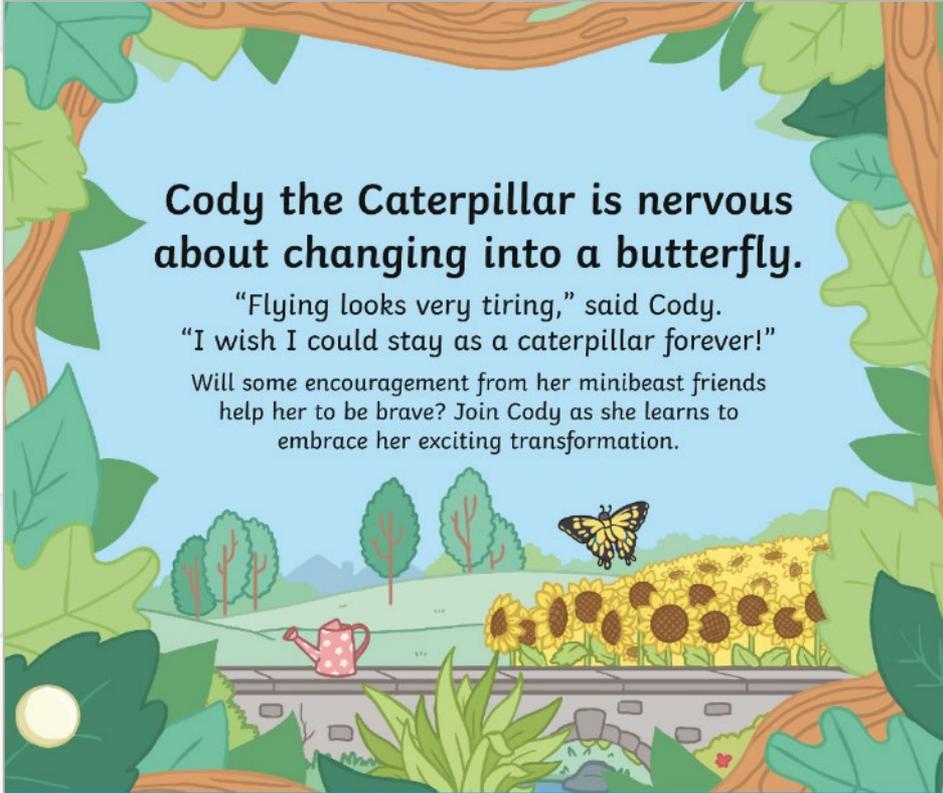


What does 'cautious' mean?

Cody the Caterpillar is nervous about changing into a butterfly.

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

Will some encouragement from her minibeast friends help her to be brave? Join Cody as she learns to embrace her exciting transformation.



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Why is Cody feeling nervous?



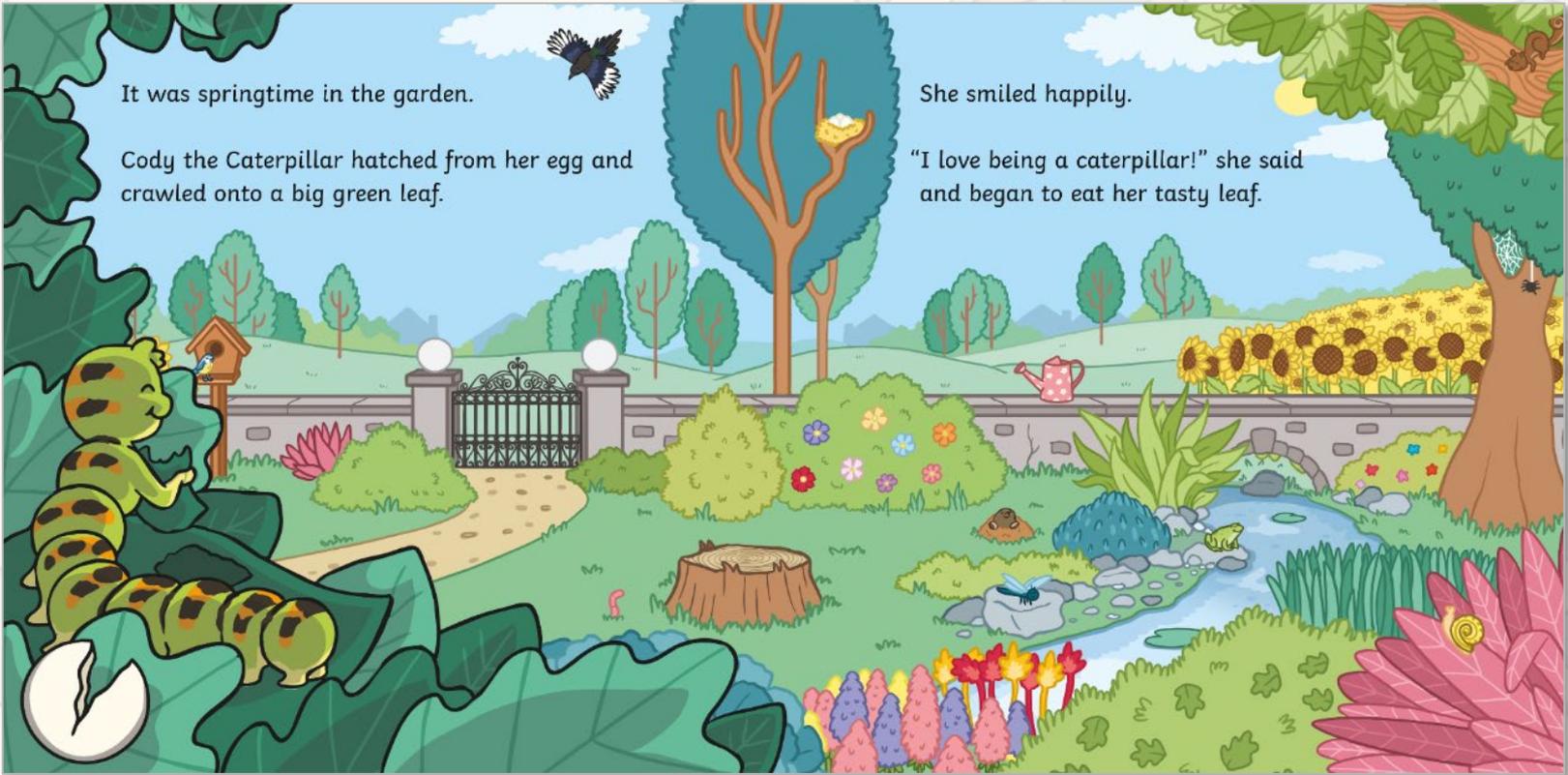
Who might her 'minibeast friends' be?

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.



Can you think of another word for 'tasty'?

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!"



Why does Cody want to stay as a caterpillar?



"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.



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!"



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



"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.



Why do you think Cody is eating so much?

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!"



Do you think the grasshopper is happy?

"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.

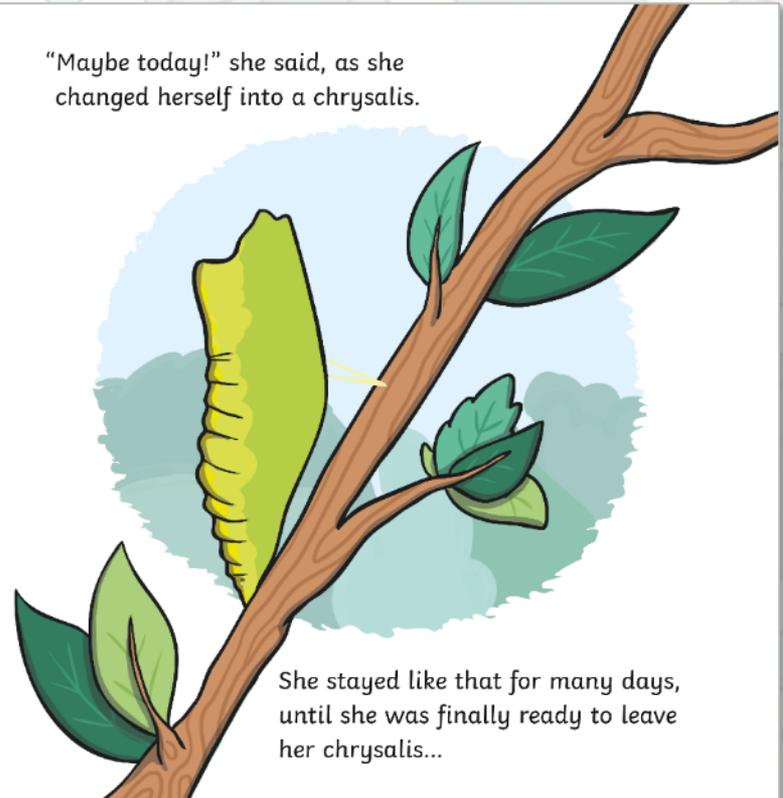


Cody keeps saying 'Maybe one day'. Do you think she will change her mind about becoming a butterfly?

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



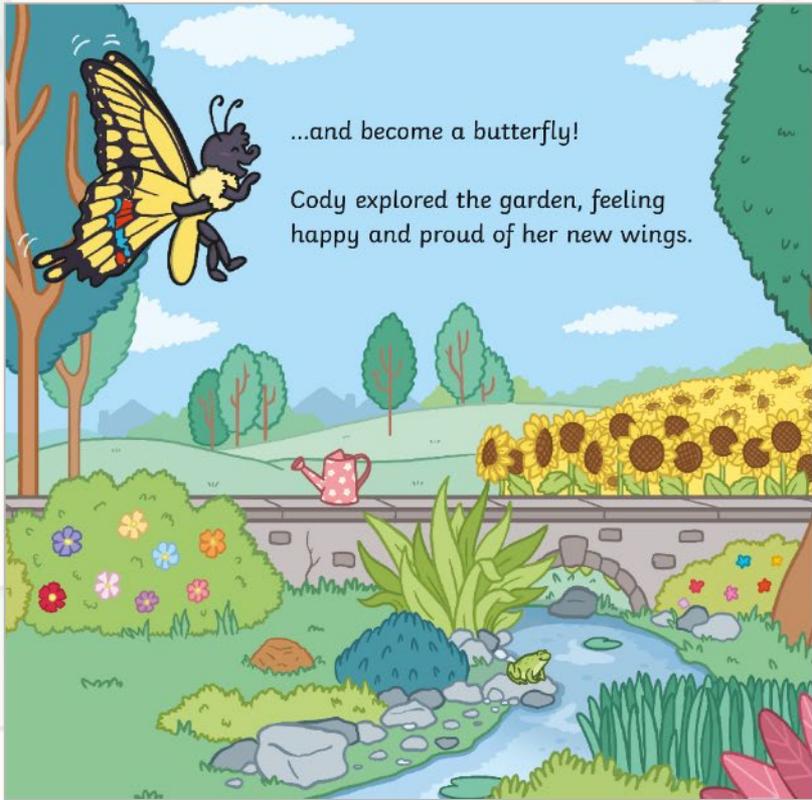
"Maybe today!" she said, as she changed herself into a chrysalis.



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



What do you think might happen next?



...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.



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

"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.



Why has the author used bold text here?

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?

The caterpillar smiled but didn't look sure.

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

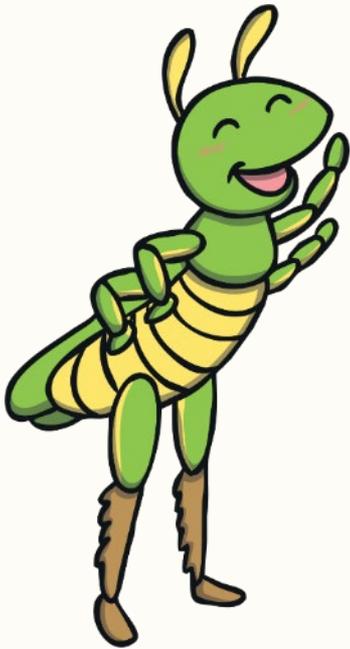
"Don't worry," said Cody. "I loved being a caterpillar too, but trust me, being a butterfly is great!"



Can you think of a word to describe Cody's behaviour towards the caterpillar?



Who is the main character in this story?



the grasshopper



Cody



the bee



Who does Cody meet first?



the grasshopper



the ladybird



the bee



another caterpillar



How do Cody's friends help her in this story?





Have you ever felt worried about something?



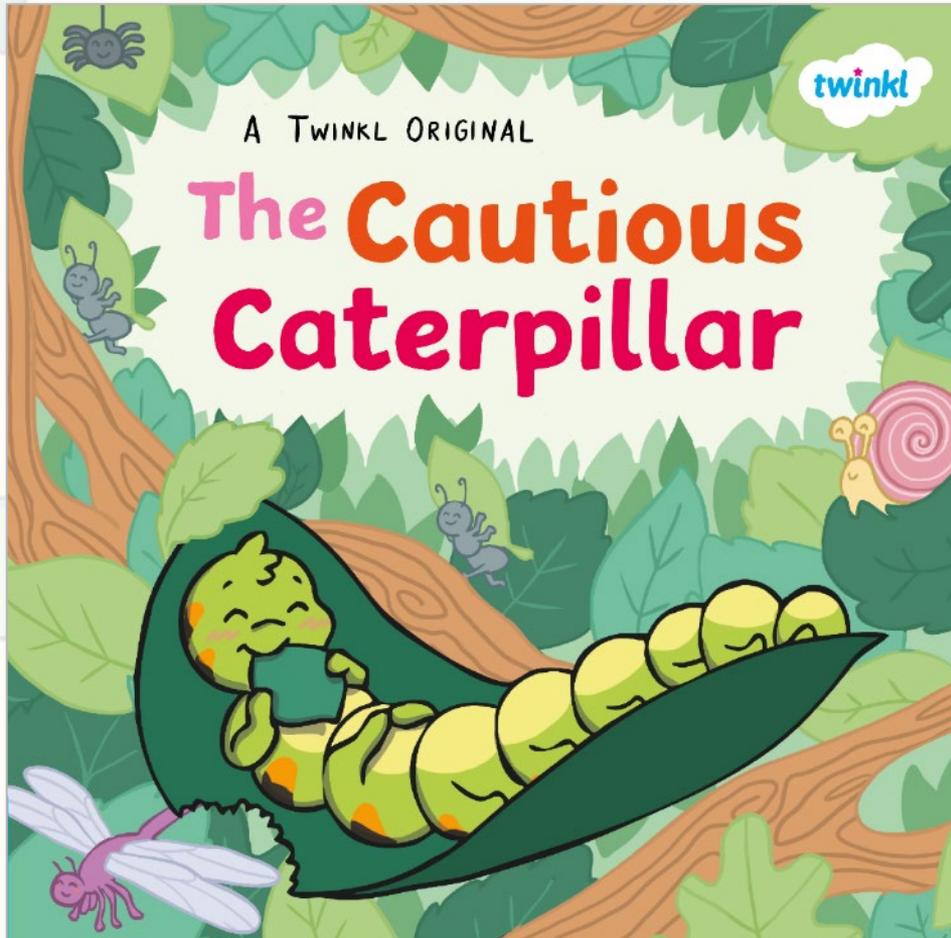
Can you remember a time when you were brave?





Cody uses what she's learnt to help others. How could you help someone younger than you?





Can you think of a different title for this book?



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