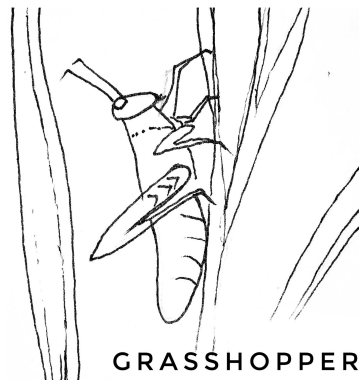


BUTTERFLY

Fluttering just above the ground or near a bush you may find a **butterfly**. Take a closer look. What is it doing? I wonder how it eats? What do you wonder? Does it fly away when you get near?

Take a close look at a patch of grass or even a crack in the sidewalk. You might spot insects, like a **grasshopper**, clinging to the blades of grass. What colors and patterns do you see?



GRASSHOPPER



DANDELION

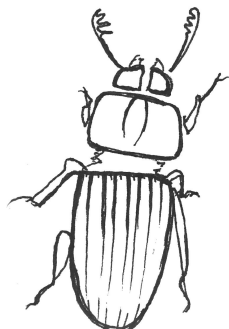
Look for flowers nearby. You might find **dandelions, clover,** or violets. Butterflies drink sweet nectar from flowers like these. Do the flowers have a smell? If you find a dandelion or clover, feel free to pick them. How can you play with these flowers? Can you make art with them?

There is a world of life underground and under things. Some creatures make their home in soil or in rotting logs. Some examples of what you might find when digging or looking under a log include: **beetles, earthworms,** millipedes, snails, slugs, ants, velvet mites, and spiders. If you find a rotted tree log in a park and want to look underneath, work with your family to roll it towards yourself. If a creature underneath a log feels scared, they escape quickly, and if the log opens away from you, they can scurry, slither, or jump away from you. We are much bigger than these creatures and sometimes that makes them feel scared.

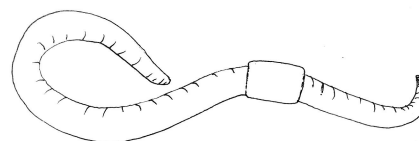
Draw something that you see. A tip: Sometimes drawing ants is tricky. You could use a marker dot to represent an ant, and draw a line of ants around the outside edge of this paper. Ants are everywhere!



CLOVER



BEETLE



EARTHWORM

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