

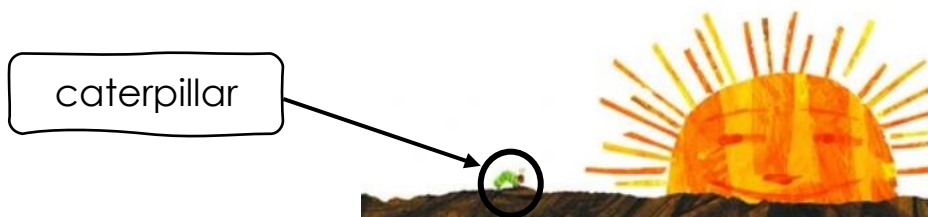
THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

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In the light of the moon a little egg lay on a leaf.



One **SUNDAY** morning the warm sun comes **up** and – pop!!! – **out** of the egg comes a tiny and very hungry caterpillar.



He starts to look for¹ some food.

On **MONDAY** he eats **through**² one apple, but he is still³ hungry.

On **TUESDAY** he eats through two pears, but he is still hungry.

On **WEDNESDAY** he eats through three plums, but he is still hungry.

On **THURSDAY** he eats through four strawberries, but he is still hungry.

On **FRIDAY** he eats through five oranges, but he is still hungry.

On **SATURDAY** he eats through one piece of⁴ chocolate cake, one ice cream cone, one pickle, one slice⁵ of Swiss cheese, one slice of salami, one lollipop, one piece of cherry pie, one sausage, one cupcake and one slice of watermelon.

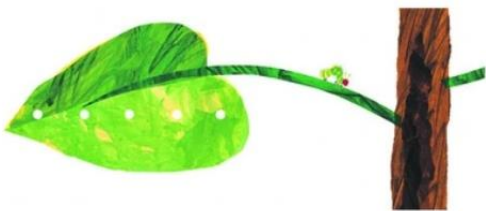
That night he has a stomach-ache!

The next day is **SUNDAY** again. The caterpillar eats through one nice green leaf, and after that he feels much better. Now he isn't hungry anymore⁶ - and he isn't a little caterpillar anymore.

He is a big, fat caterpillar.

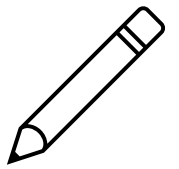


He builds a small house, called a cocoon, around himself. He stays inside for two weeks. Then he nibbles a hole in the cocoon, pushes his way **out** and ... he is a beautiful BUTTERFLY!!!



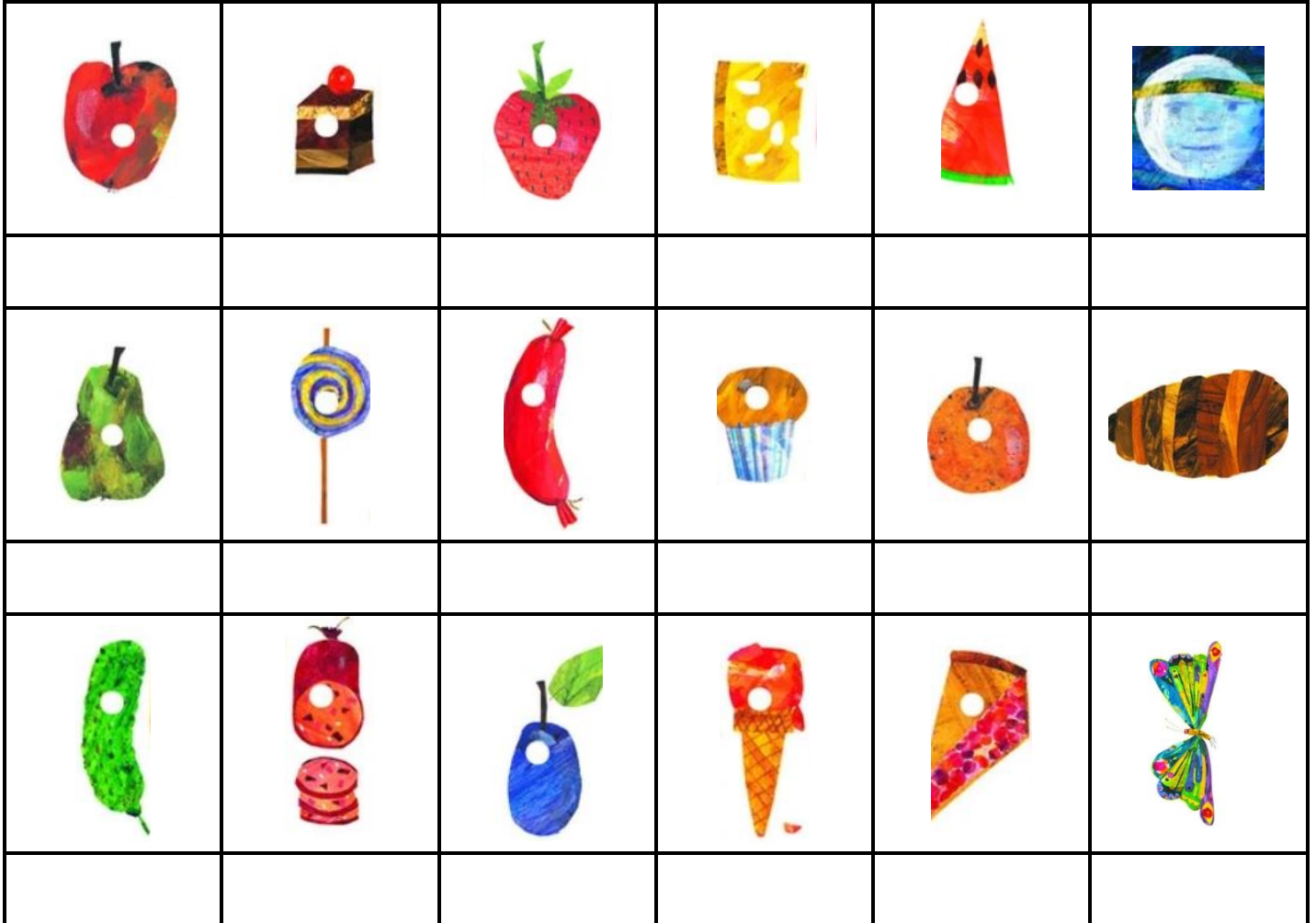
- wordbox**
1. to look for : chercher
 2. through : à travers
 3. still : encore, toujours
 4. one piece of : un morceau de
 5. a slice : une tranche
 6. not... anymore : ne ... plus

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR – worksheet



1. Look for the underlined words in a **dictionary** and write them in your notebook.
2. Match the vocabulary with the picture.

apple – pear – plum – strawberry – orange - chocolate cake – ice cream cone – pickle – cheese – salami – lollipop – cherry pie – sausage – cupcake – watermelon – moon – cocoon – butterfly.



3. Answer the questions in your notebook.

- a. **When** does the egg lay on a leaf? Day or night?
- b. **What** comes *out* of the egg?
- c. **How** big is it?
- d. **How** does it feel?
- e. List **how many** pieces of fruit it eats.
- f. **How many** days it takes to eat all the fruit?
- g. **How much** food does it eat on Saturday?
- h. **What** happens at night?
- i. **How** is the caterpillar on Sunday?
- j. **What** is a cocoon?
- k. **What** comes out of the cocoon after two weeks?

