

Little Caterpillar has a TUMMY ACHE!

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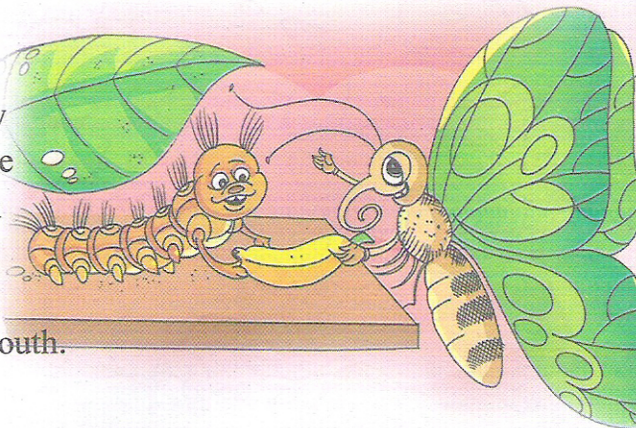
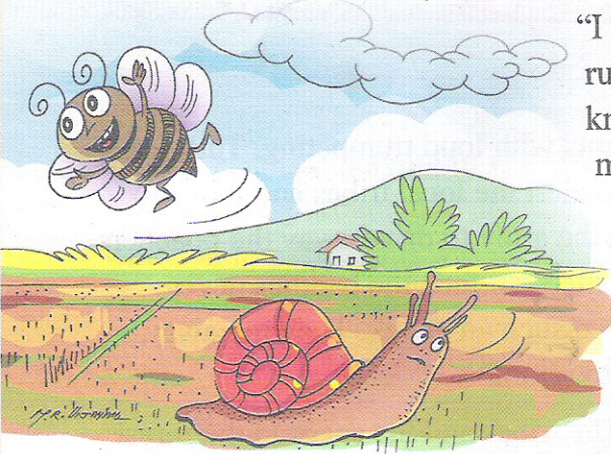
Once upon a time, in a small garden, there lived a little caterpillar along with his friends, Ms Butterfly, Mr Bee and Mr Snail. Like all the caterpillars, this little one was also always hungry. He was so hungry that he spent his time just eating and eating and eating more. He ate so much that one day he had a terrible tummy ache. He moaned and groaned with pain.

Seeing him, his friends felt really sorry. They rushed to help him. "I will get some medicine," said Mr Snail and rushed off. But he walked so slowly that even after half an hour he still was exactly where he started from. Mr Bee got worried. "Oh! Oh!" he said,

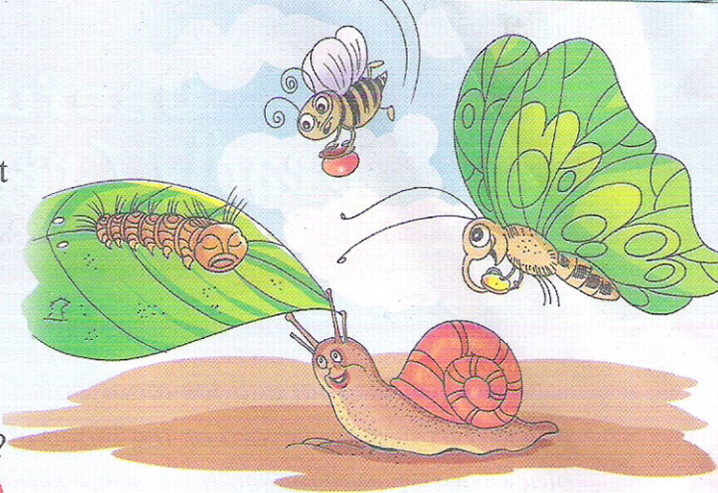
"I better help," and he flapped his wings hard and rushed off to get honey. Honey was the only thing he knew. To him it was the best food and also a great medicine. It cures everything!

Ms Butterfly was not so sure. She looked hard at the caterpillar. She must know what was wrong because she was also a caterpillar once, a long time ago. Yes, she knew now! So, Ms Butterfly flew home and got a nice, big ripe yellow banana. She placed it on a table next to the caterpillar.

The little caterpillar slowly opened his eyes and crawled to the table. He took a bite of the banana and looked up. He already started feeling better. So he climbed on to the table and ate a little more. Yes, he was much better and also happy. He crawled right into the banana and ate and ate till he dozed off, with a big chunk of the banana still in his mouth.



Mr Bee and Mr Snail, finally came back with the honey and the medicine. But by then, the caterpillar was already fast asleep. Mrs. Butterfly smiled knowingly. "He just needed more food!" she said and the friends had a good laugh. They were glad that their little friend finally found a cure for his tummy ache. Wasn't that nice?



Puzzle

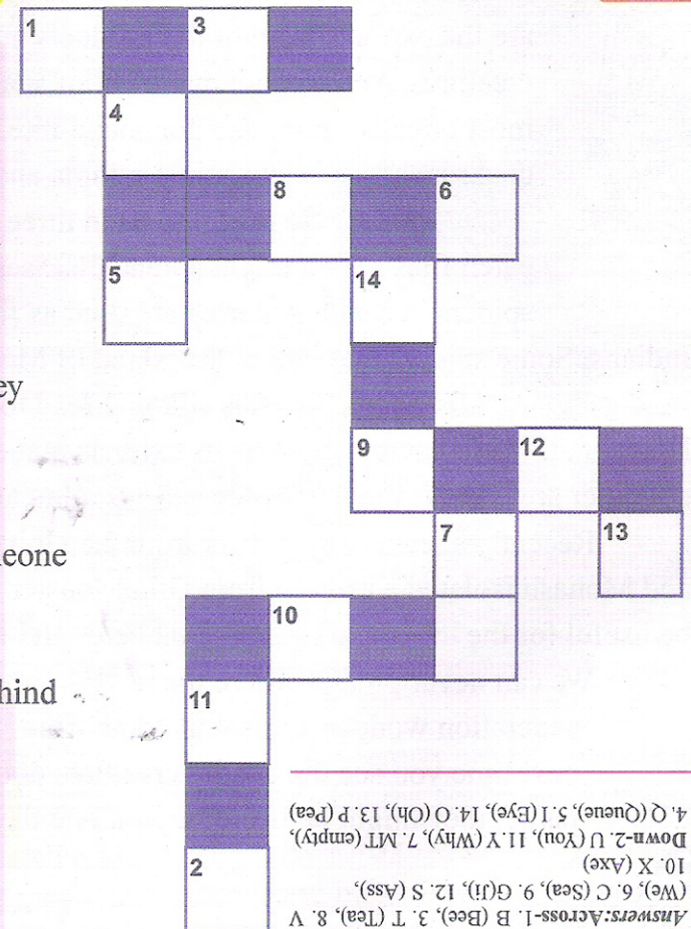
A letter that sounds like a word

Across

1. An insect
3. A hot drink
8. All of us
6. An example of water body
9. A word in Hindi to respect someone
12. Another word for a donkey
10. A tool to cut tree

Down

2. A pronoun to describe someone
11. An interrogative word
7. Containing nothing
4. To line up and wait one behind another
5. An organ to see
14. An exclamatory word
13. A vegetable



Answers: Across-1. B (Bee), 3. T (Tea), 8. V (We), 6. C (Sea), 9. G (Gul), 12. S (Ass), 10. X (Axe)
Down-2. U (You), 11. Y (Why), 7. MT (empty), 4. Q (Queue), 5. I (Eye), 14. O (Oh), 13. P (Pea)

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