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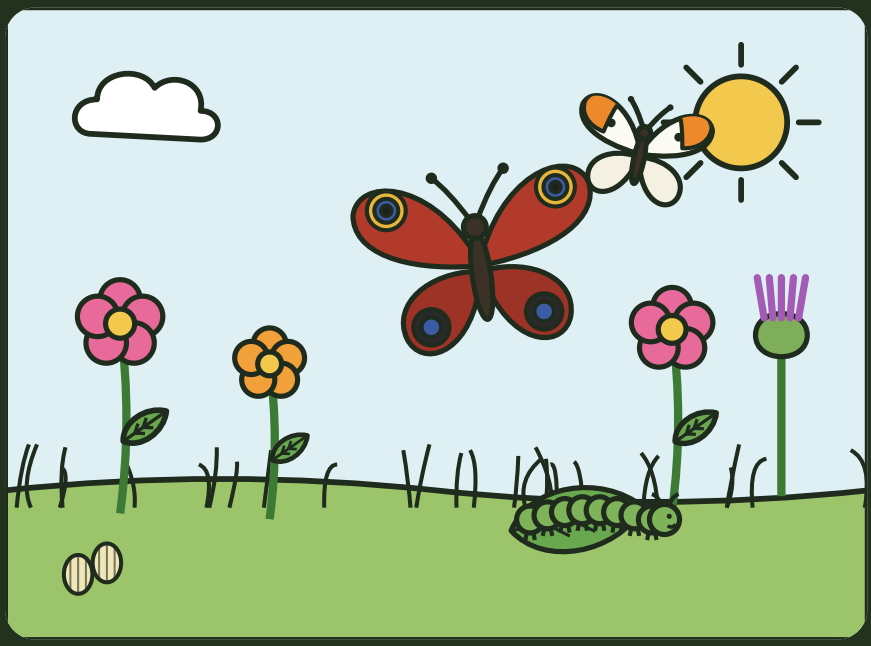

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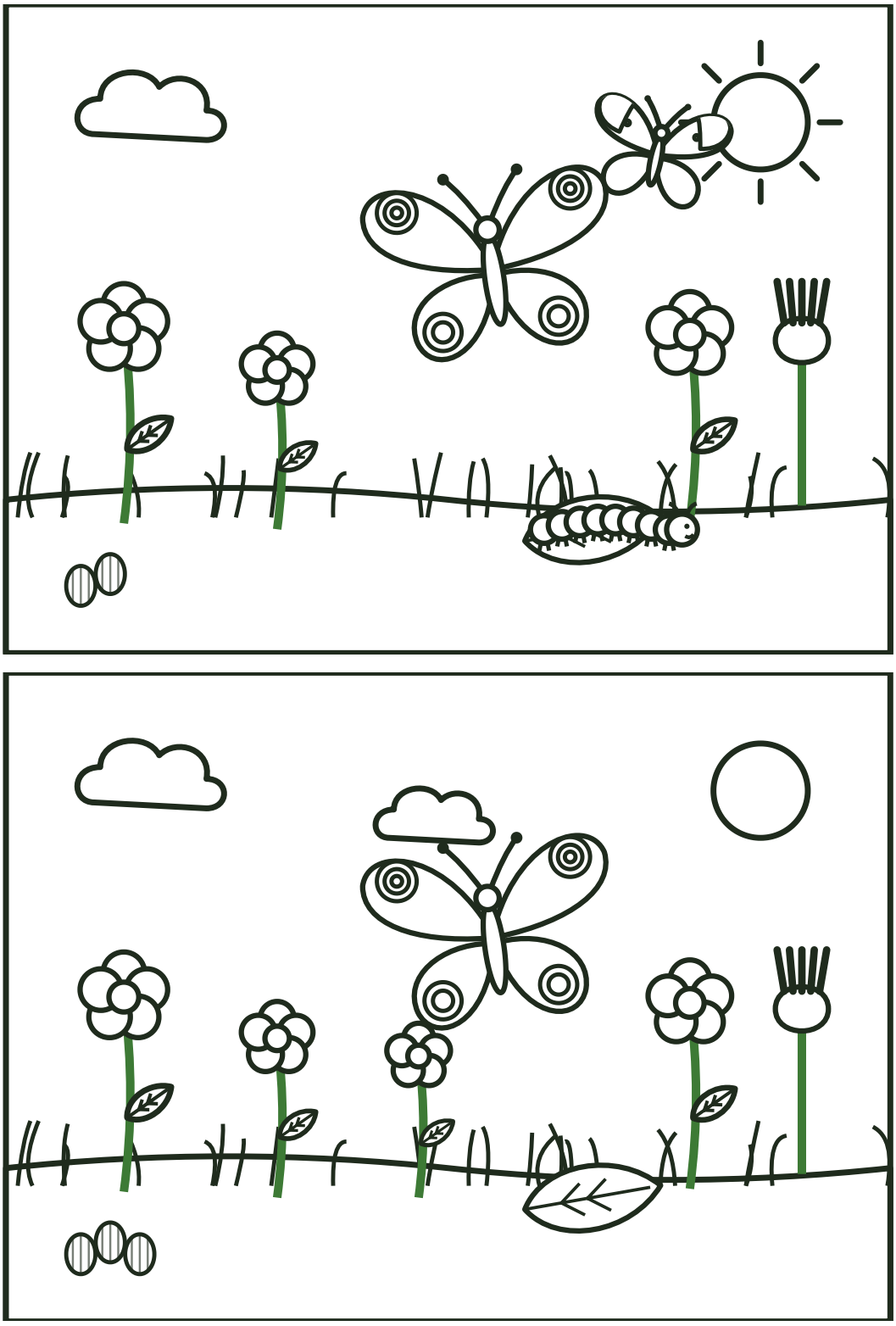
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Six changes in the meadow

Look carefully. Circle the six differences in the bottom picture.



Many adults are important pollinators, because they visit flowers for nectar.

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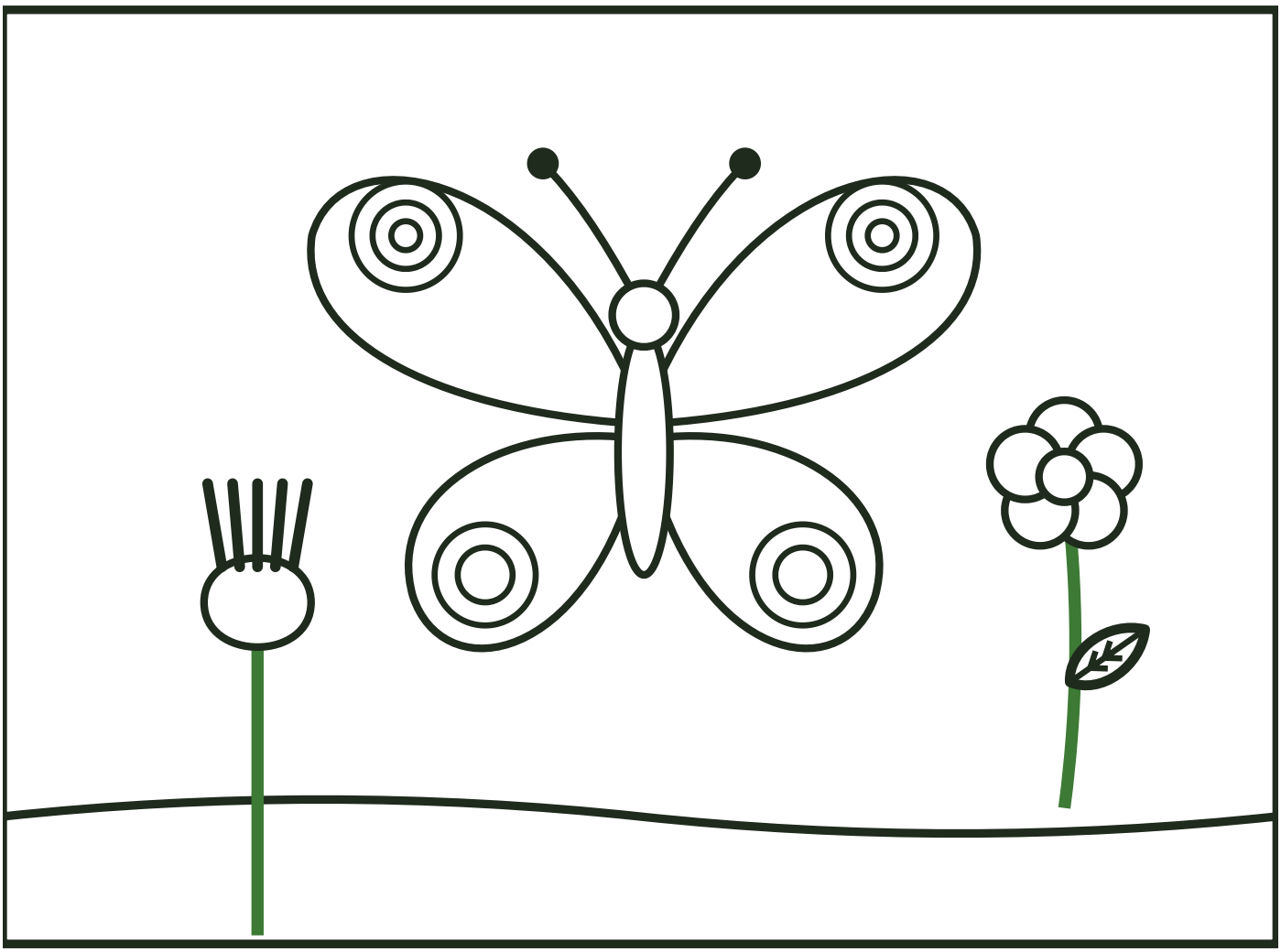
COLOUR ME

The Peacock's eyespots

Colour the Peacock butterfly and its four eyespots



When disturbed, a Peacock butterfly flicks its wings open to show four big eyespots and makes a hissing sound by rubbing its wing veins together. The Peacock was voted Britain's Favourite Butterfly. Its eyespots evolved to startle or confuse predators.

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BUTTERFLY & MOTH FACTS POSTER

Scaly wings

A Painted Lady.

What Lepidoptera means

Lepidoptera comes from Greek and means ‘scaly wings’.

The ‘powder’ that rubs off a butterfly’s wing is actually its scales, so look but don’t touch.

Each wing scale is a single colour. Most colours come from pigments, but shimmering colours come from tiny structures on the scale’s surface.

ANSWER KEY · FOR ADULTS

Spot the difference

1. The sun has lost its rays
2. There is an extra cloud
3. There is an extra purple flower
4. The small white-and-orange butterfly has gone
5. The caterpillar on the leaf has gone
6. There is an extra egg in the bottom corner

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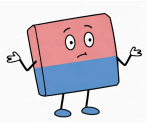

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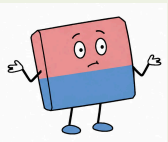

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