



# Butterfly Parts and Marks



## Activity

Learn how to identify and describe a butterfly using body part names and field marks.

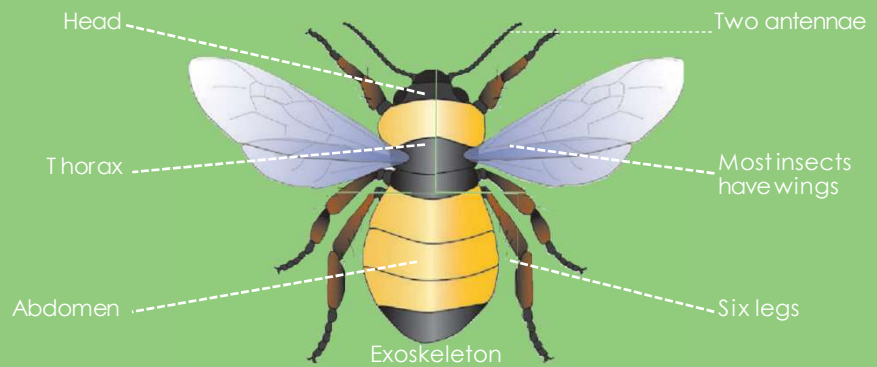
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### Field marks



Field marks are the characteristic colors, patterns, shapes and sizes that enable you to accurately describe and identify butterflies.

### Insect anatomy



### Colors & patterns

Colors and patterns help butterflies in different ways. Certain markings warn predators they taste bad. Some colors can attract mates. Dull colors help the butterfly blend into its environment, and eyespots and flashy colors scare or startle predators. Dark colors help warm the butterfly's body. Sometimes the male and female of one type of butterfly have different field marks. Which defenses do these butterflies have? Colors? Markings?



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