



Wiggling, woggling up and down  
Painted as bright as a circus clown  
Clinging to twigs with tiny feet  
Always looking for something to eat.  
Some have bristles, some have spots  
Some have patches like polka dots  
They're brown and yellow, green and blue  
But mostly green like the leaves they chew.

Eric Slayter

## Do you remember?

Green  
Yellow  
Blue

Copy these sentences. Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

- The caterpillars look like \_\_\_\_\_. (clowns, butterflies)
- They are clinging to twigs with their \_\_\_\_\_. (hands, feet)
- They are looking for something to \_\_\_\_\_. (eat, drink)
- Caterpillars eat \_\_\_\_\_. (flowers, leaves)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the most usual colour of caterpillars. (Yellow, Green)

## More to think about

Yellow  
Blue

- Write a sentence to answer each question.
  - In what way are some caterpillars like circus clowns?
  - Are all caterpillars smooth to touch?
  - What different sorts of patterns do caterpillars have on their bodies?
  - Is it easier to spot a green or a blue caterpillar on a green leaf?
  - Why is it better for caterpillars if they are hard to find?



- Match a word from each box to make pairs of words that have similar meanings. One has been done to help you.

clinging = holding

clinging    chewing  
tiny    looking  
dots

small    spots  
searching    holding  
munching

## Now try these

Blue

- Find a word in the poem that rhymes with:
  - down
  - feet
  - spots
  - blue.
- The poet says some caterpillars look like clowns. Make a list of anything else they remind you of.
- Choose another insect. Write a poem describing what the insect looks like and what it does.