



FERN & NEWT

AND THE LOST LOOT

Activity Pack

Fern and Newt buried Fern's older sister's jewelry box at the beach and now it's lost...so their only hope is buying a metal detector to find it. Luckily, a neighbor is willing to pay—a little—for them to pull some weeds and even more for them to collect butterfly eggs for her. Will they find the treasure before Fern's sister finds out?

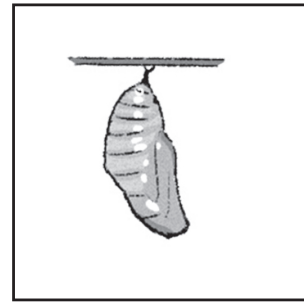
1. Butterflies go through many stages before they become the winged insects that we know them as. Number these illustrations from 1 to 6 to show the life stages of a butterfly.



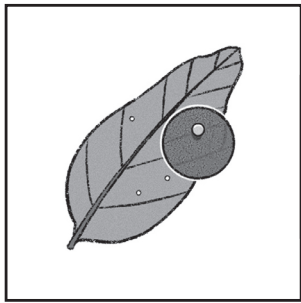
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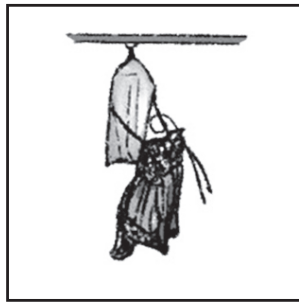
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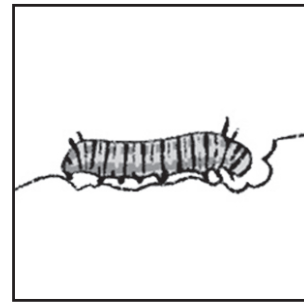
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2. Do you have family members or neighbors who pay you to do chores and other jobs for them? What sort of chores are they?



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3. Help Fern figure out which objects would set off the metal detector and circle them! Draw an X through the objects that wouldn't be detected.



4. Are you saving up to buy something? What is it?



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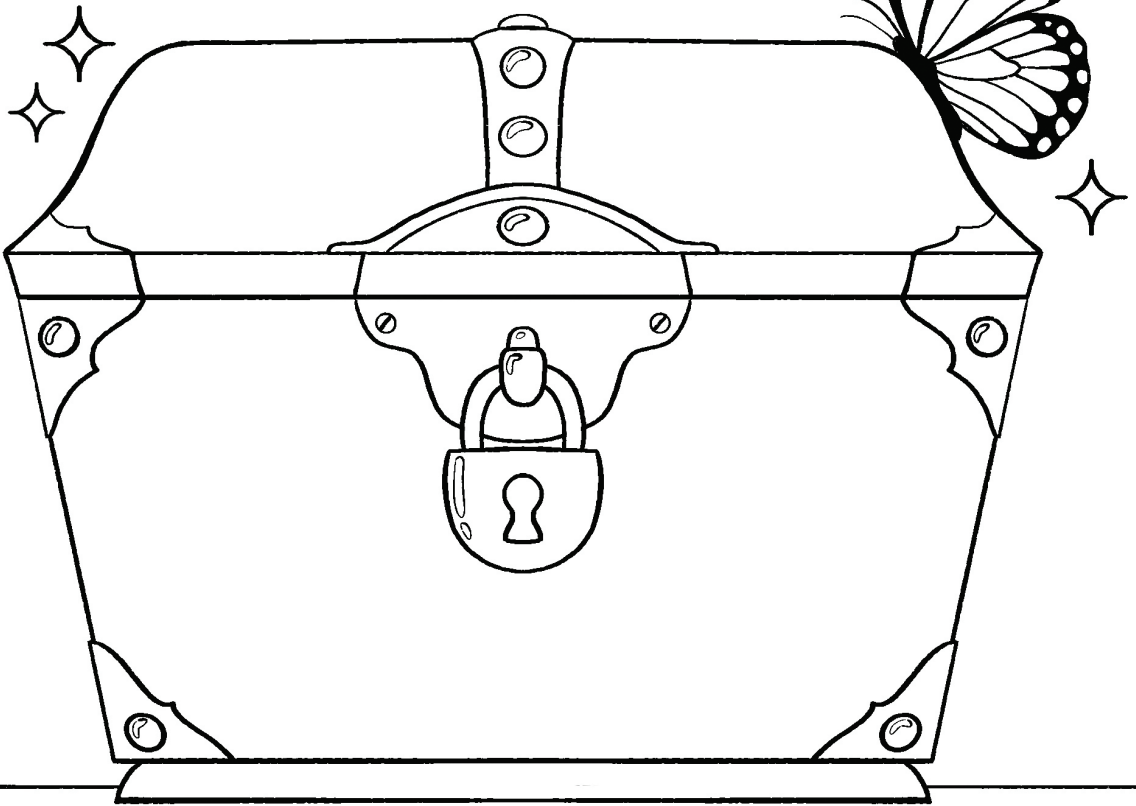
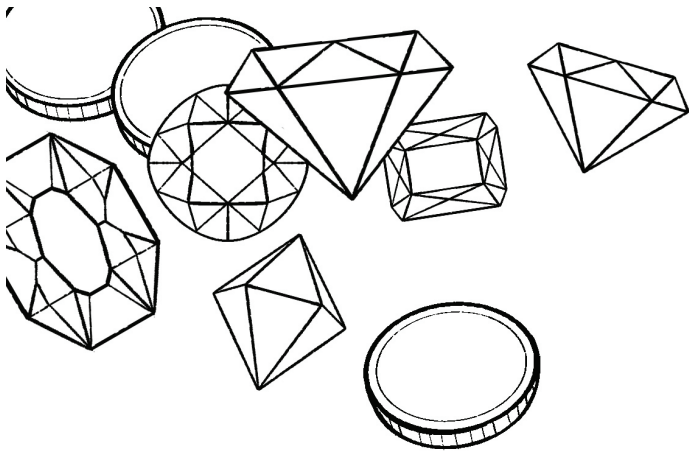


5. Color this scene from the book. Add your own butterflies to the sky!



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Orca Echoes



6. Decorate your treasure box. What treasures would you keep inside?



7. Name game: Fern is a girl's name, but it's also the name of a plant. Newt is a boy's name, but it's also the name of an animal. What are some other names for people that are also a plant or animal name?

Names:

Plant or Animal?



About the author

Mireille Messier is an award-winning children's writer with a background in broadcasting and theater. Before becoming an author, Mireille worked as a television and radio host, a director, a researcher, a book reviewer and a voice actress. Mireille has published over thirty books, some in French, others in English, for children of all ages, including *No Horses in the House!* and *Nevin Knows*. Her books have been selected for many literary awards including the Governor General's Award, the Christopher Book Award, the Blue Spruce Award, the Rocky Mountain Book Award and the Hackmatack Award. In the summer, Mireille's mantel is often full of containers with cocoons!



About the illustrator

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