

# Butter + Fly = Butterfly

## A Compound Word Game

Try this fun game at any one of your reading or language centers. It's one more tool in building an awareness of compound words. Here's what we like to do before the game is placed in the learning center.

1. Make a compound word chart. Simply hang a very large piece of chart paper up in the classroom. When a student finds a written compound word, let them write it on the chart.
2. When the chart is full or when there are more words on the chart than students in the class, assign each child a compound word from the chart to illustrate.
3. Give everyone two Post-It size pieces of paper. Students will illustrate their first word in their compound word on one piece, and their second word in their compound word on the second piece. When everyone is finished, place the illustrations beside the corresponding word on the chart. You will quickly find that more and more words will be recognized as compound words and another chart will soon be needed!

### Here's how to make our Compound Word Game.

1. Copy the following butterfly shape on numerous pieces of multi-colored construction paper. Cut the shapes out.
2. Trace and cut out a butterfly body using the body shape pattern. Glue in place.
3. Type in a very large font the following compound words, or use words from your class chart. Print. (Watch out! Not too large. The word must fit on the butterfly shape!)
4. Cut the words out and glue one word on each butterfly shape.
5. Now cut each butterfly into two pieces right between the two words in the compound word.
6. Laminate to make the game cards sturdy if you like.
7. Shuffle up the butterfly pieces and add them to your center. Students will match up butterfly pieces to build compound words. Let's go on a butterfly hunt!

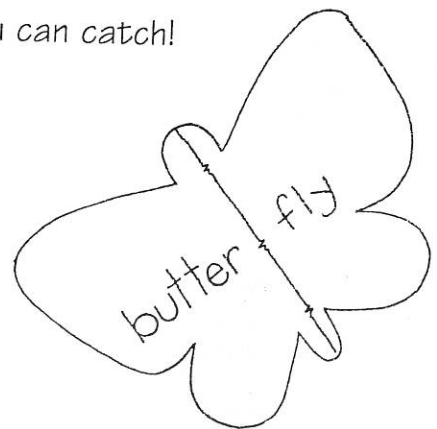
Show me how many butterflies you can catch!

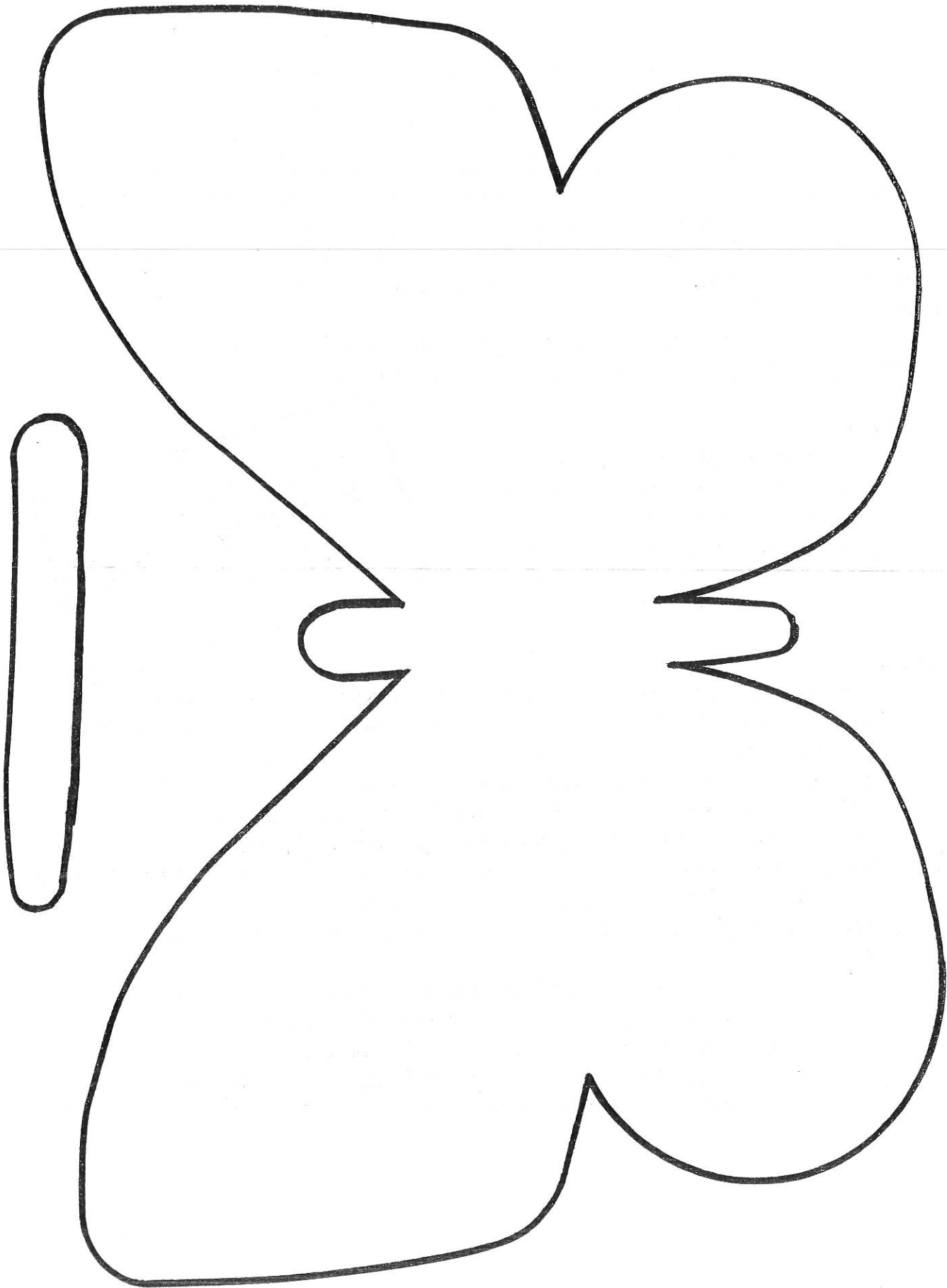
### Compound Word List

buttermilk  
seesaw  
catfish  
dragonfly  
flashlight  
doghouse  
bulldozer  
girlfriend

ladybug  
butterball  
raindrop  
cowboy  
buttercup  
butterfly  
toothbrush  
basketball

starfish  
spaceship  
sunflower  
tablecloth  
sunlight  
rainbow  
football  
baseball





Pattern for Butter + Fly = Butterfly Compound Word Game