

Caterpillars

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.

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Write a sentence to answer each question:

- a) In what way are some caterpillars like clowns?
- b) Are all caterpillars smooth to the touch?
- c) What different sorts of patterns do they have on their bodies?
- d) What can you say about the colours of the caterpillars – why are caterpillars those colours?

Match a word from each box to make pairs of words with similar meanings:

clinging
chewing
tiny
looking
dots

small
spots
searching
holding
munching