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Watch Me Learn: Pencil Control

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Introduction

The pages in *Watch Me Learn: Pencil Control* are fun to do and are designed to help young learners improve the fine motor skills needed to succeed in school. Pencil control is important, and it is not as easy as it seems for children whose hand and finger muscles are still developing. To help them, set aside a special time each day to practice and, if possible, establish a quiet “work space” free of other distractions. Most importantly, work together to make this practice time special.

Children begin by tracing straight lines of different lengths before moving on to curves, squiggles, and swirls while creating pictures to color. Coloring is optional but encouraged, since it also helps develop fine motor skills.

Follow up each day’s practice by acknowledging your young learner’s efforts and discussing the picture or activity completed. The statement or question at the bottom of each page might be a fun conversation starter. You might also talk about the types of lines featured and look for those types of lines in the house or outside. Are the lines straight like the edges of the table or the flagpole outside? Is the line round like a tire or curved like a bowl? What other things can you see with these types of lines?

Most of all, have fun!

Name: _____

Crocodile Climb

Directions: Trace the zigzag lines down the crocodile's back.

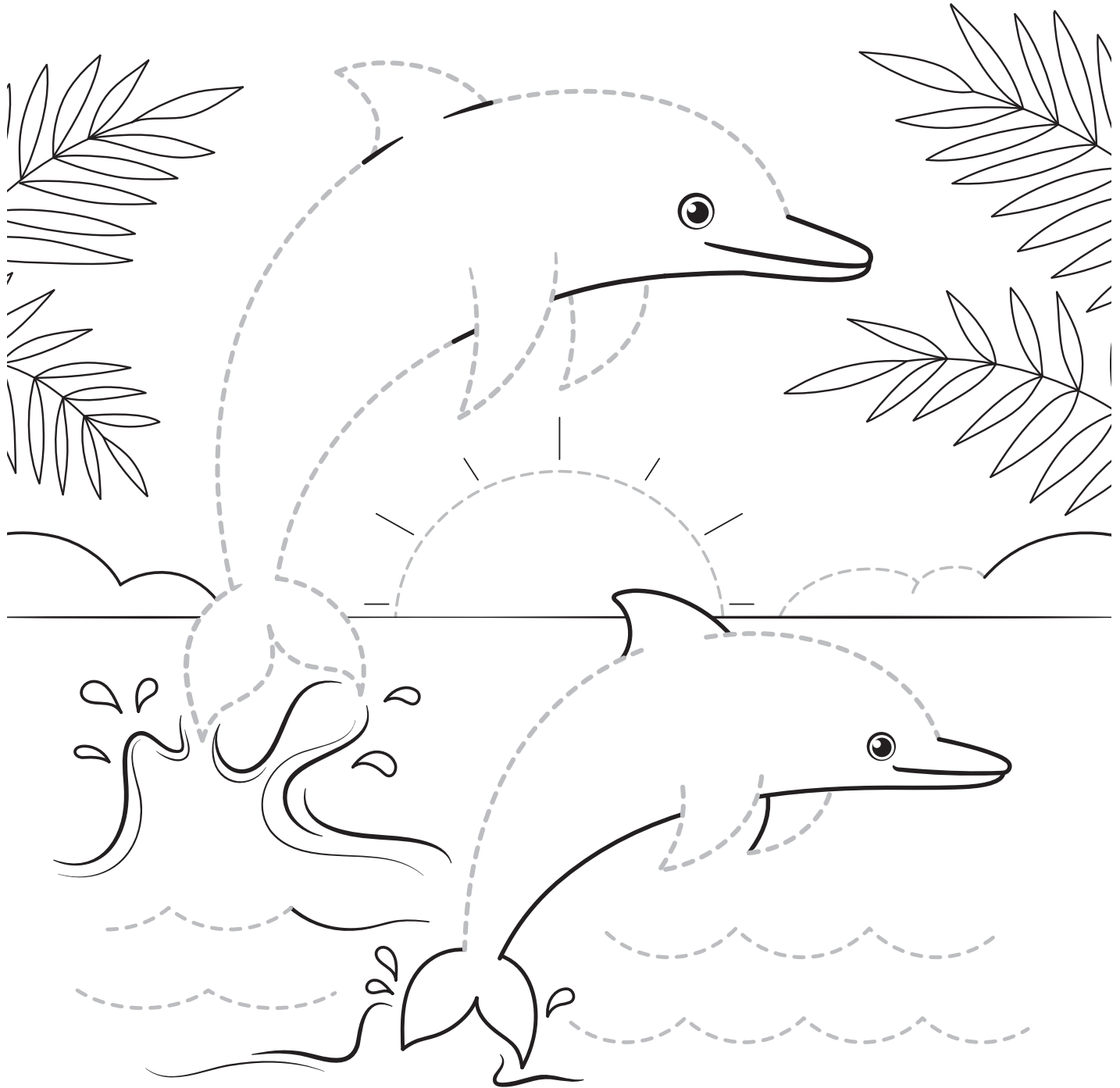


Crocodiles can grow to be 14-17 feet long. That's as long as some cars!

Name: _____

Dolphin Dance

Directions: Trace all the curving lines to complete the picture.

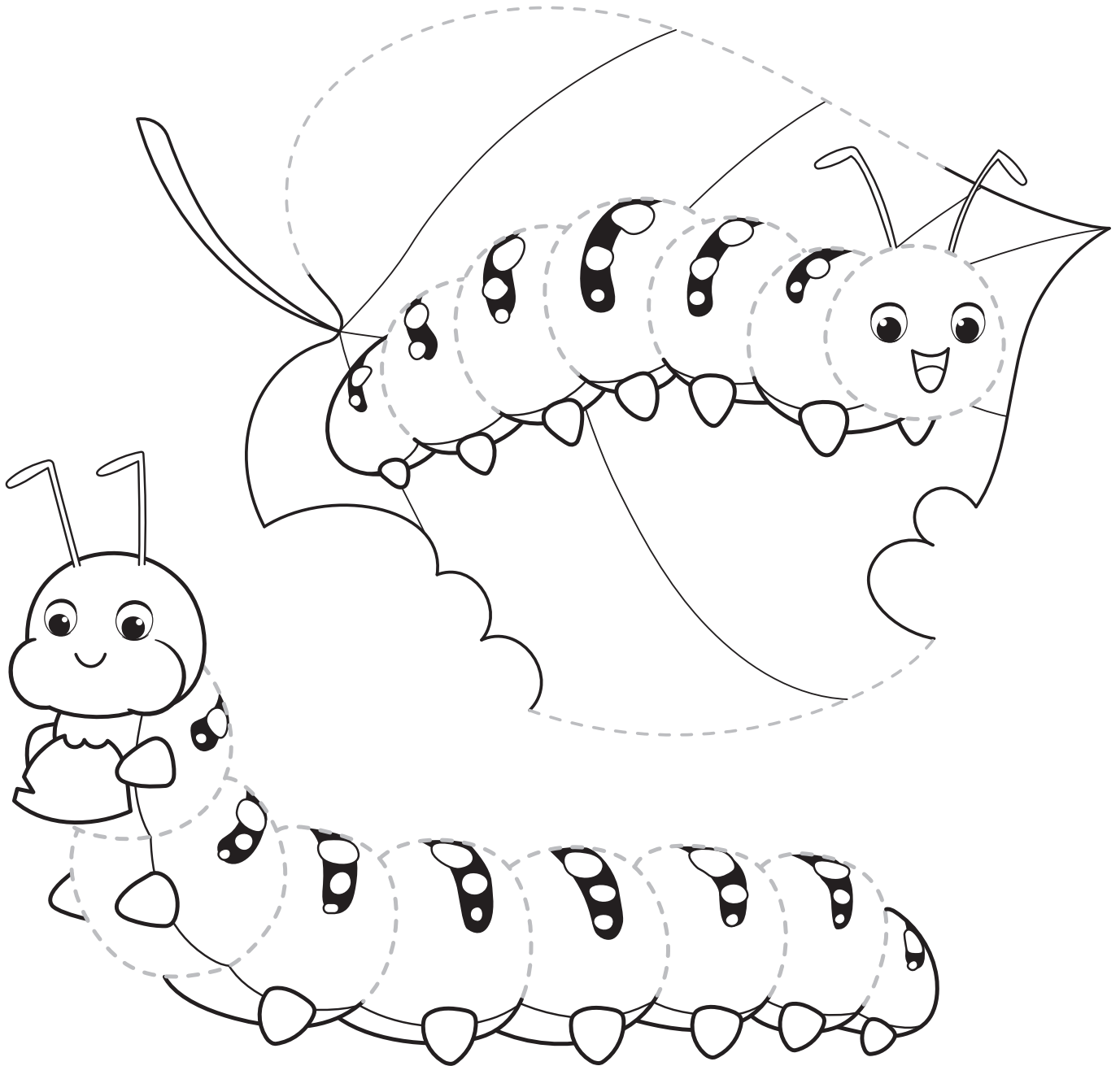


Did you know that dolphins like to blow bubbles? Do you?

Name: _____

Caterpillar Curves

Directions: Trace the circle and the curves to complete each caterpillar and the leaf.

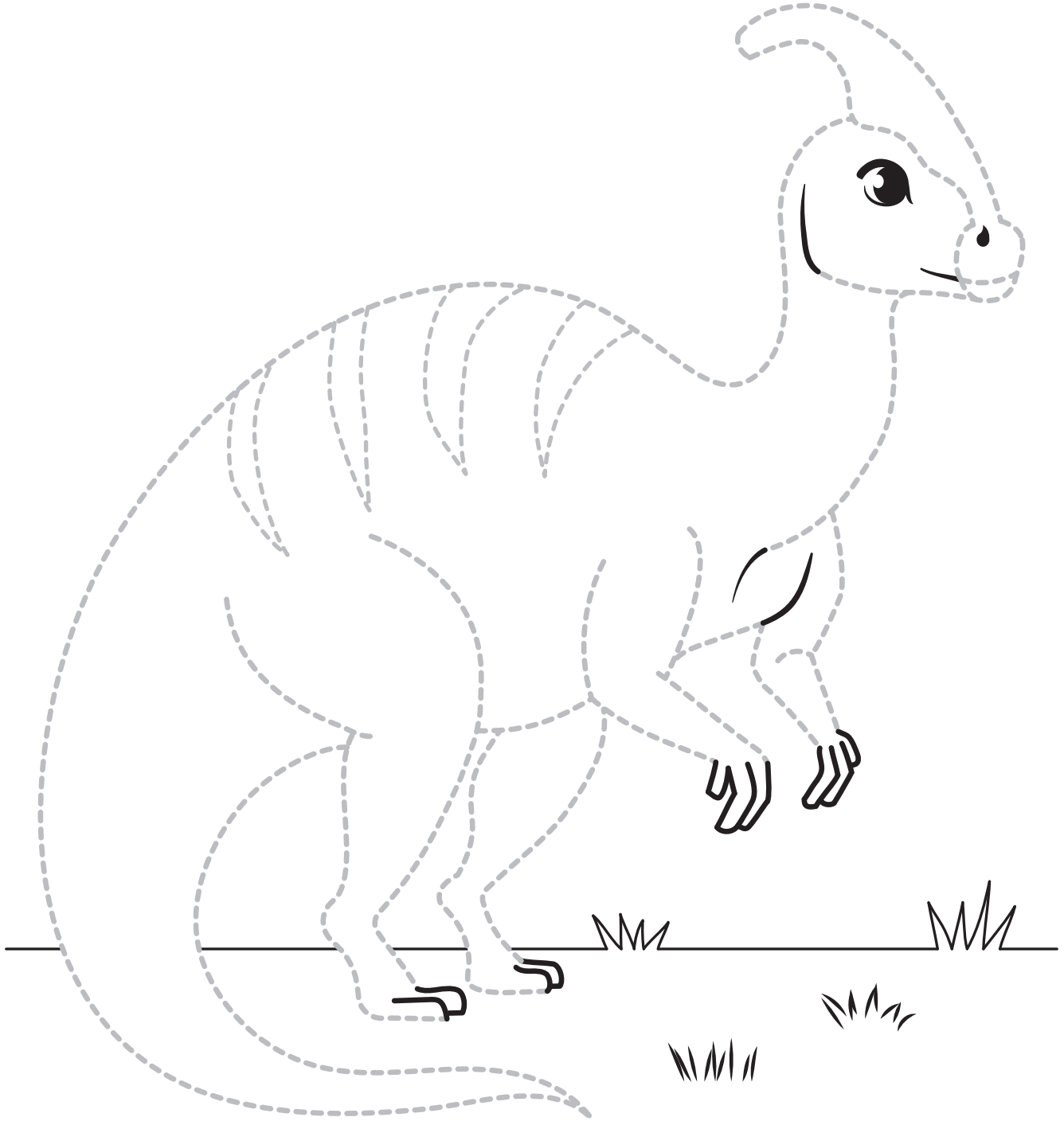


What do caterpillars turn into?

Name: _____

A Crested Dinosaur

Directions: Trace the curving lines of the duck-billed dinosaur.



Would you like to ride on the back of a dinosaur?

Name: _____

Mermaid Magic

Directions: Trace the scales of the mermaid to complete the picture.



Where do you think mermaids sleep?