Butterflies: Compare and Contrast
Read the paragraph below. Then, use the information from the paragraph to compare and contrast butterflies and moths!

Butterflies Versus Moths

Butterflies
Butterflies are very beautiful insects that are out and active during the day. Like all insects, a butterfly’s body is split into 3 sections – the head, thorax, and abdomen. A butterfly’s antennas are attached to the head, and they are usually long and thin with a knob at the end. Six legs are connected to the thorax section of the butterfly.

A butterfly’s wings are made up of tiny scales. These scales are what gives butterflies their color, and a butterfly’s wings are often very bright and colorful. When resting, butterflies close their wings.

Moths
Moths are also insects, but they are more active at night. Like butterflies, moths also have a head, thorax, and abdomen. Attached to a moth’s head are short, feathery antennas. Six legs are connected to the thorax section of the moth.

A moth’s wings are also made up of tiny scales, but moths have a thicker coating of scales because a moth needs to stay warmer whiles it's out at night. Also, a moth’s scales are usually made up of earth tones rather than bright colors. When resting, a moth usually keeps its wings open.
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