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Caterpillar Conversations: How They Communicate

Short Answer Key

1. Some caterpillars release chemicals or scents to warn others of danger.
2. A bright color usually tells predators the caterpillar is poisonous or tastes bad.
3. Silver-spotted skipper caterpillars create vibrations to tell other caterpillars that the plant is already claimed.
4. Caterpillars release chemical signals to communicate warnings or other messages to nearby caterpillars.
5. If a predator ignores a caterpillar's clicking sounds, the caterpillar might thrash its body to look scarier.

