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| • Most nouns that end in o. | • add S | • kangaroo-kangaroos; piano-pianos |
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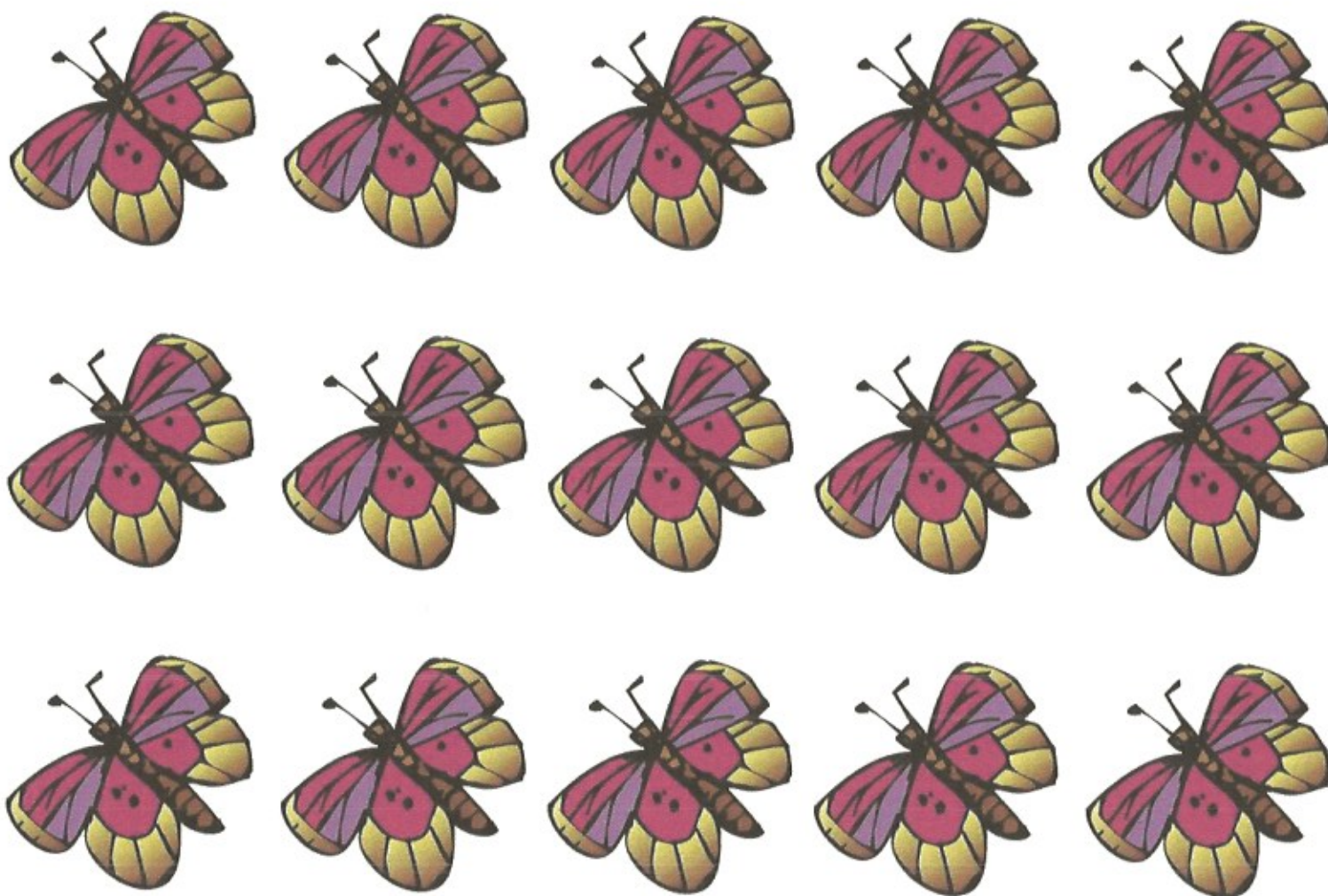


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Cut the butterflies out. Fold their wings in. Run a stripe of glue down the middle of the thorax. Press onto the other butterflies on your poster and you have an instant 3-D poster that looks "way cool" as my students are fond of saying. Pass the extra's out to students to jazz up their worksheets.