

All About Butterflies!

Have you ever seen a butterfly? I bet you can get a picture in your mind when you hear the word butterfly! You might think beautiful colours and wings that help them fly and land on flowers. That's what a butterfly looks like now, but it doesn't start out that way.

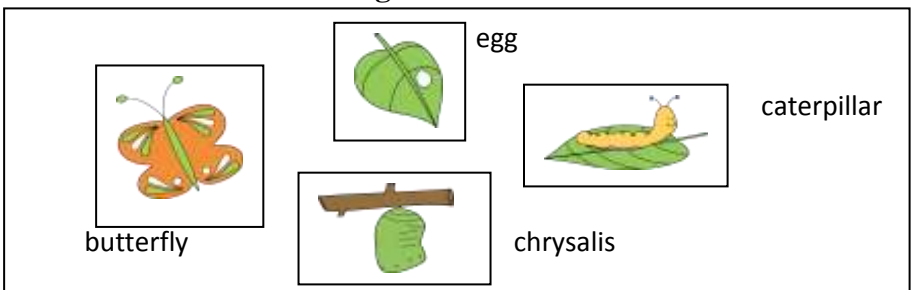
A butterfly starts out as a tiny egg. The mother butterfly will lay the eggs on a plant, she can lay lots and lots of eggs at one time. They lay the eggs on the plant that will become their food.

After a few days the egg will hatch and out comes a little caterpillar! The first thing the caterpillar eats is the shell it hatches from. Then it starts eating the leaves of the plant.

It eats a lot and grows quickly. As it gets bigger, the caterpillar will shed its skin and grow a new one. It keeps eating until it is ready to go into its chrysalis or pupa. This is where the changes happen!

When it comes out of the chrysalis it is now a butterfly! It has 2 sets of wings, 6 legs and antennae. It has a mouth that looks like a straw called a proboscis. It uses this to drink nectar from flowers.

Did you know that butterflies will use their feet to taste? Butterflies have lots of scales on their wings that are different colours. They use these to help protect them from enemies. I think butterflies are amazing!



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- 1. What is the title of this story?**
 - A) Beautiful Butterflies**
 - B) All About Butterflies!**
 - C) Butterflies Are Amazing!**

- 2. What does a butterfly start out as?**
 - A) caterpillar**
 - B) chrysalis**
 - C) egg**
 - D) butterfly**

- 3. What is the first thing the caterpillar eats?**
 - A) The egg shell**
 - B) flowers**
 - C) leaves**

- 4. What comes out of the chrysalis?**
 - A) caterpillar**
 - B) egg**
 - C) butterfly**

- 5. How many legs does the butterfly have?**
 - A) lots**
 - B) 6**
 - C) 2**

- 6. What does the caterpillar shed as it grows?**
 - A) feet**
 - B) shell**
 - C) skin**