

Life Cycle of a Butterfly — Emerging as a Butterfly

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Completing the butterfly life cycle: the adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis. The child learns all four stages and creates a complete life cycle diagram with illustrations.

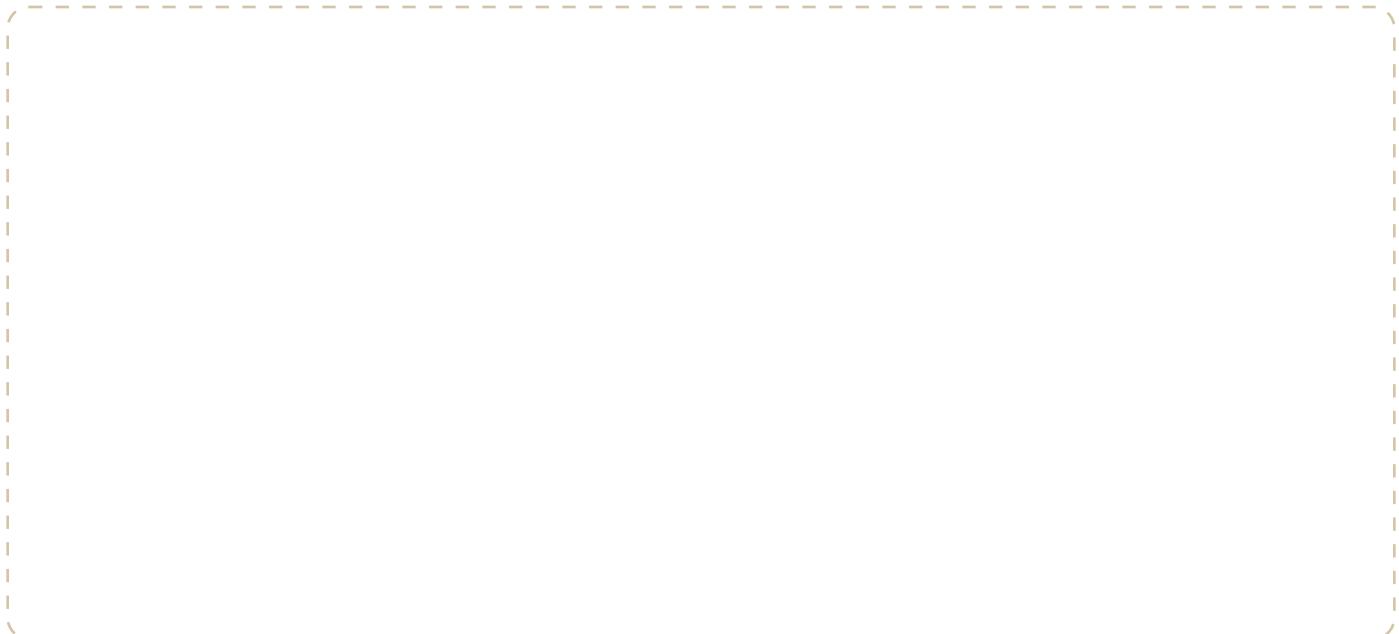
What You Need:

- Pictures or video of butterfly emerging
- Science journal
- Colored pencils
- Life cycle diagram template (optional)
- Circular paper for life cycle wheel (optional)

Steps:

1. Review: "We've learned three stages: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis. Today — the FINAL stage!"
2. Show pictures or video of a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis.
3. 'After 10-14 days, the chrysalis becomes transparent. You can see the butterfly's wings inside!'
4. 'The butterfly pushes out. Its wings are wet and crumpled. It hangs upside down and PUMPS fluid into its wings.'
5. 'After a few hours, the wings dry and harden. Then... it FLIES!'
6. Complete the life cycle diagram: egg ! caterpillar ! chrysalis ! butterfly !' (lays eggs again)
7. 'It's a CYCLE — the butterfly lays eggs and it starts all over!'

Work Space:



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