

Life Cycle of a Butterfly

A butterfly lays her eggs on a leaf.

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They are very small and are a round, oval or cylindrical shape.



A caterpillar hatches out of the egg.

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They begin eating almost straight away and eat the leaves they are born on. Soon, they grow much bigger. As they grow quickly, they need to shed their skin often.



The caterpillar will wrap itself inside a chrysalis.

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Inside, the caterpillar is growing and changing. Caterpillars stay inside their chrysalis for about a week before they are ready to emerge.



Out of the chrysalis emerges a butterfly!

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They slowly open and close their wings to let their wings dry. Then, they fly away to look for food. Soon, the cycle will start again when the new butterfly lays its own eggs on a leaf.

