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LIFE CYCLE OF BUTTERFLY ACTIVITIES AND VIDEO



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Metamorphosis



The butterfly and moth develop through a process called metamorphosis. This is a Greek word that means transformation or change in shape.

Insects have two common types of metamorphosis. Grasshoppers, crickets, dragonflies, and cockroaches have incomplete metamorphosis. The young (called a nymph) usually look like small adults but without the wings.

Butterflies, bees, and bees have complete metamorphosis. The young (called a larva instead of a nymph) is very different from the adults. It also usually eats different types of food.

There are four stages in the metamorphosis of butterflies and moths: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.

EGG



Butterfly Eggs

Eggs are laid on plants by the adult female butterfly. These plants will then become the food for the hatching caterpillars.

Eggs can be laid from spring, summer or fall. This depends on the species of butterfly. Females lay a lot of eggs at once so that at least some of them survive.

Butterfly eggs can be very small.

Butterfly



Adult: The Reproductive Stage

The adult stage is what most people think of when they think of butterflies. They look very different from the larva. The caterpillar has a few tiny eyes, stubby legs and very short antennae. The adults have long legs, long antennae, and compound eyes. They can also fly by using their large and colorful wings. The one thing they can't do is grow.

The caterpillar's job was to eat. The adult's job is to mate and lay eggs. Some species of adult butterflies get energy by feeding on nectar from flowers but many species do not at all.

Flying comes in handy. The adult female can easily fly from place to place to find the right place to lay its eggs. This is important because caterpillars can't travel far.

Most adult butterflies live only one or two weeks, but some species hibernate during the winter and may live several months.

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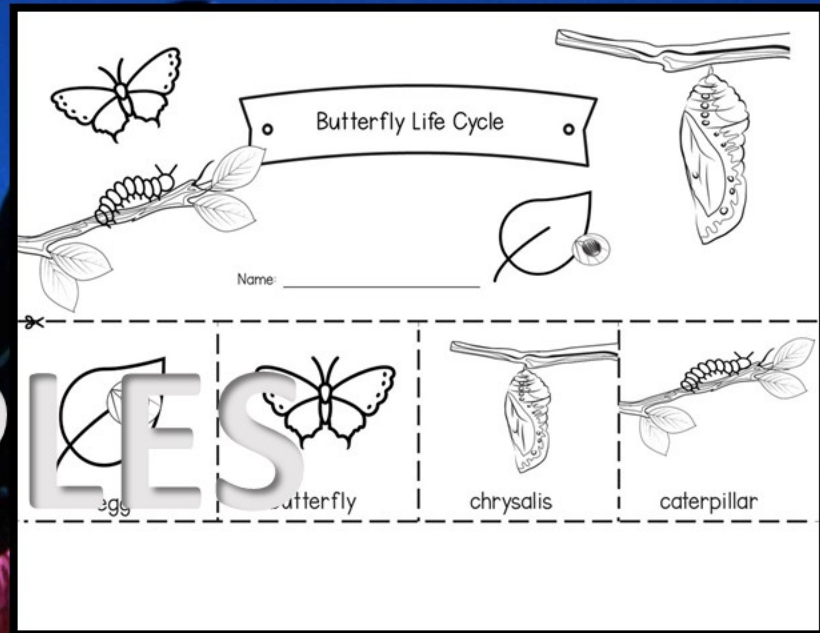


Emerging Butterfly

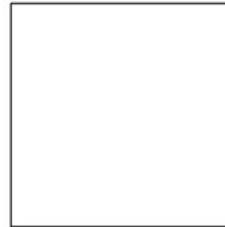
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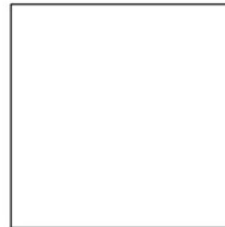
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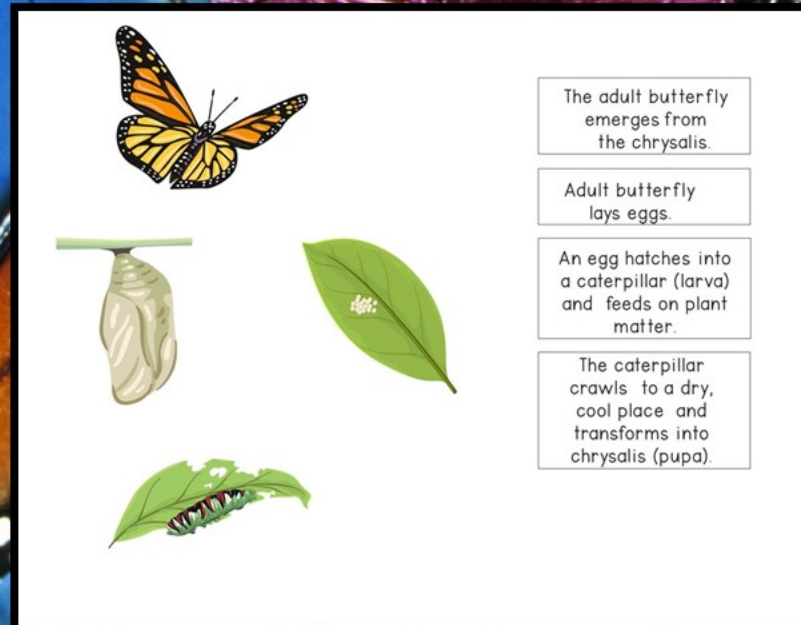
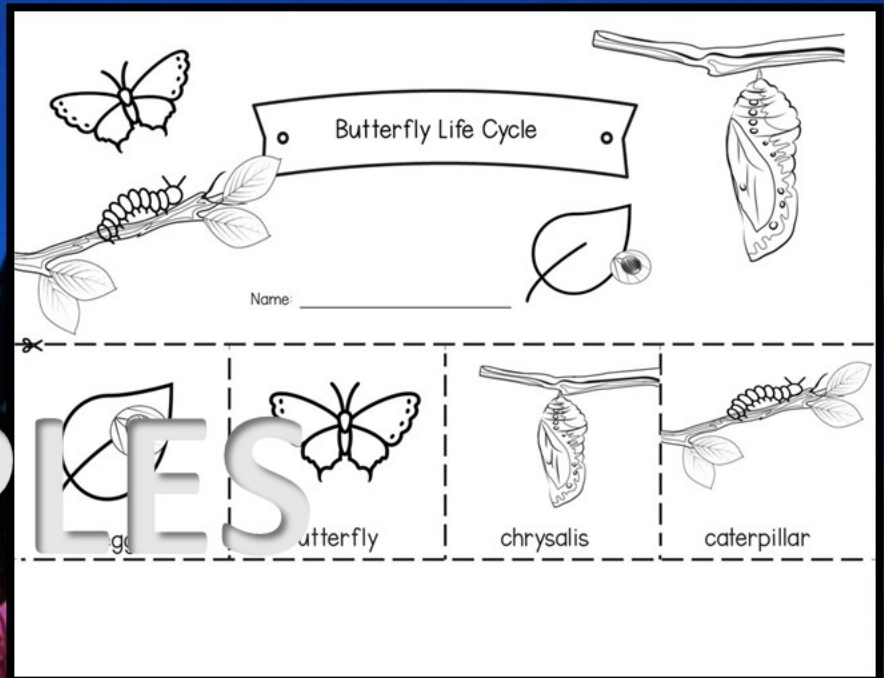
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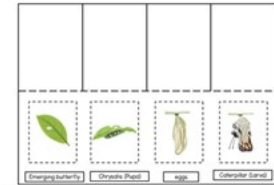
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Make your own butterfly

Step 1: Cut out the life cycle of a butterfly in glue them in the correct order.

Step 2: Label each picture correctly.

Step 3: Cut along the dotted line in the middle and concertina fold the pages into a small book.



Step 4: Glue in your butterfly. Cut in half and glue a wing onto either side of your butterfly to complete.

