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butterflies

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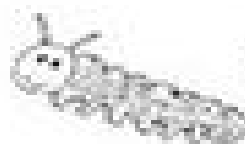
butterfly Chrysalis larva pupa

How does a butterfly grow?

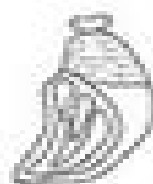
Just like humans, there are male and female butterflies. The female butterfly will leave fertilized eggs on leaves and plants. This is the first stage in a butterfly's life. The egg stage.



The egg will remain on the leaf or plant for several weeks until it hatches. When this occurs, a beautiful butterfly larva is born. This is the second stage of life, the caterpillar stage.



The caterpillar, or larva, grows and grows until it has reached its full size. It then looks for a location where it can transform into a pupa, also known as a chrysalis or cocoon. This is the third stage, or the chrysalis stage.



The chrysalis remains hanging for 2-3 weeks. Inside the little caterpillar is growing and changing. The forth stage is when a beautiful butterfly emerges from the chrysalis.

