



## Butterfly

### Stage 1: The egg

The butterfly lays her eggs. They are hidden on the leaf of a plant. Butterfly eggs are very tiny. The shape of the egg depends on the type of butterfly that laid it. They can be round or oval. They can be smooth or bumpy. It will be a few weeks before the eggs are ready to hatch.

### Stage 2: The caterpillar

When the time is right, the egg hatches. The baby leaves the egg. A baby butterfly is a caterpillar. The caterpillar eats its way out of the egg. Then, it eats the leaves of the plant it's on. The caterpillar eats and grows a lot. A caterpillar can grow 100 times bigger in size!

### Stage 3: The pupa

When the caterpillar is fully grown, it forms a pupa. A pupa is also known as a chrysalis. The pupa hangs from a twig. It forms a hard shell to keep it safe. Inside the pupa, the caterpillar will change into a butterfly.

### Stage 4: The butterfly

When the butterfly is grown, it splits the pupa open. It's wet inside the pupa. The butterfly comes out soft and wrinkly. The butterfly needs to dry its wings. It waits in the sun. When the butterfly is dry it is ready to fly. The cycle can start again.



## VIPERS QUESTIONS

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What is a baby butterfly called?

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What is a pupa also known as?

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Why does the new butterfly wait in the sun?

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What does the word hidden mean?

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Number the sentences below 1 to 4 to show the order of the butterfly's life cycle.

The caterpillar forms a pupa

The butterfly is grown and ready to fly

The caterpillar hatches from the egg

The butterfly lays her eggs

