

Butterfly Life Cycle

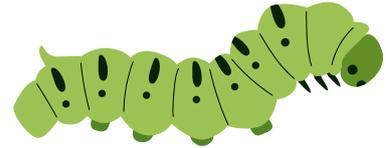
The life cycle of a butterfly has four stages.



Stage 1 - the egg

Female butterflies lay their eggs on leaves. They choose a plant that the caterpillars will like to eat when they emerge.

Stage 2 - the caterpillar



Caterpillars hatch from eggs and immediately start eating the leaves around them. They grow quickly, shedding their skin multiple times as it can't stretch.

Stage 3 - the pupa

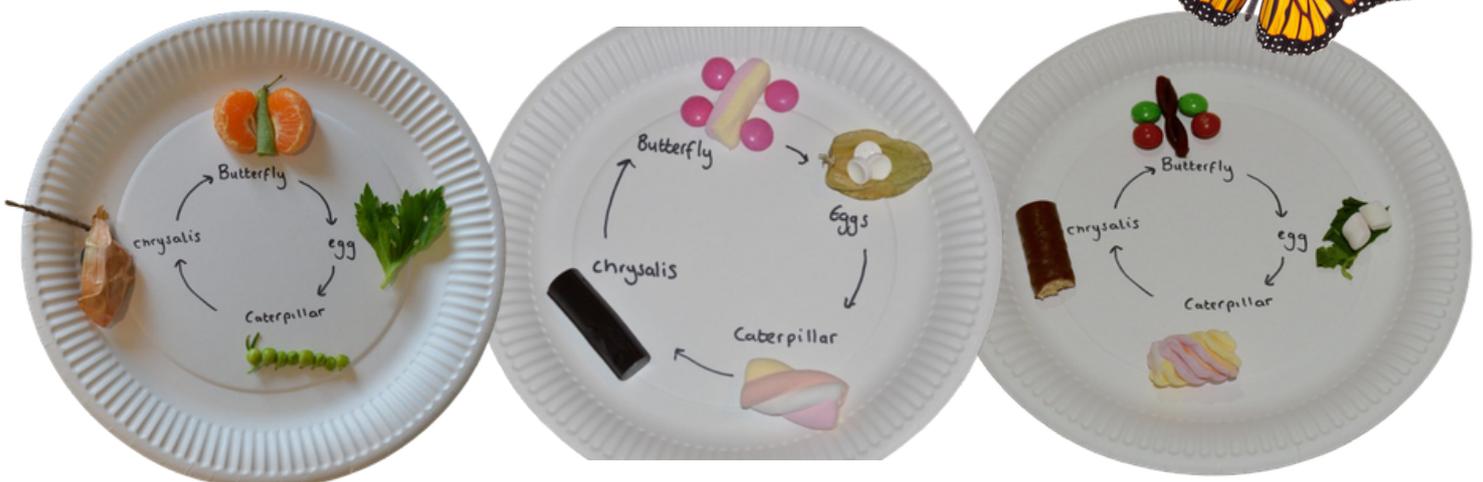
When the caterpillar is fully grown, it forms a pupa (or chrysalis). This stage lasts between a few weeks and several months. Inside the hard Pupa case, the caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly.



Stage 4 - the butterfly

When the butterfly is fully formed, it emerges from the pupa, waits for its wings to dry, and then flies off in search of flowers and other butterflies.

This process is called metamorphosis.



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Find craft, nature or food items to complete the life cycle.

