

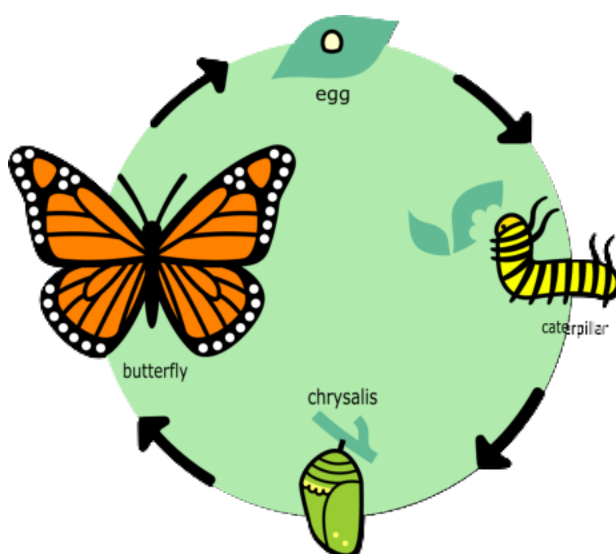
## Butterfly Life Cycle Facts

**Butterfly Eggs** are tiny and yellow! Butterfly mommies lay the eggs on the underside of leaves because when the eggs hatch, the babies will eat leaves. What hatches from butterfly eggs? Caterpillars!

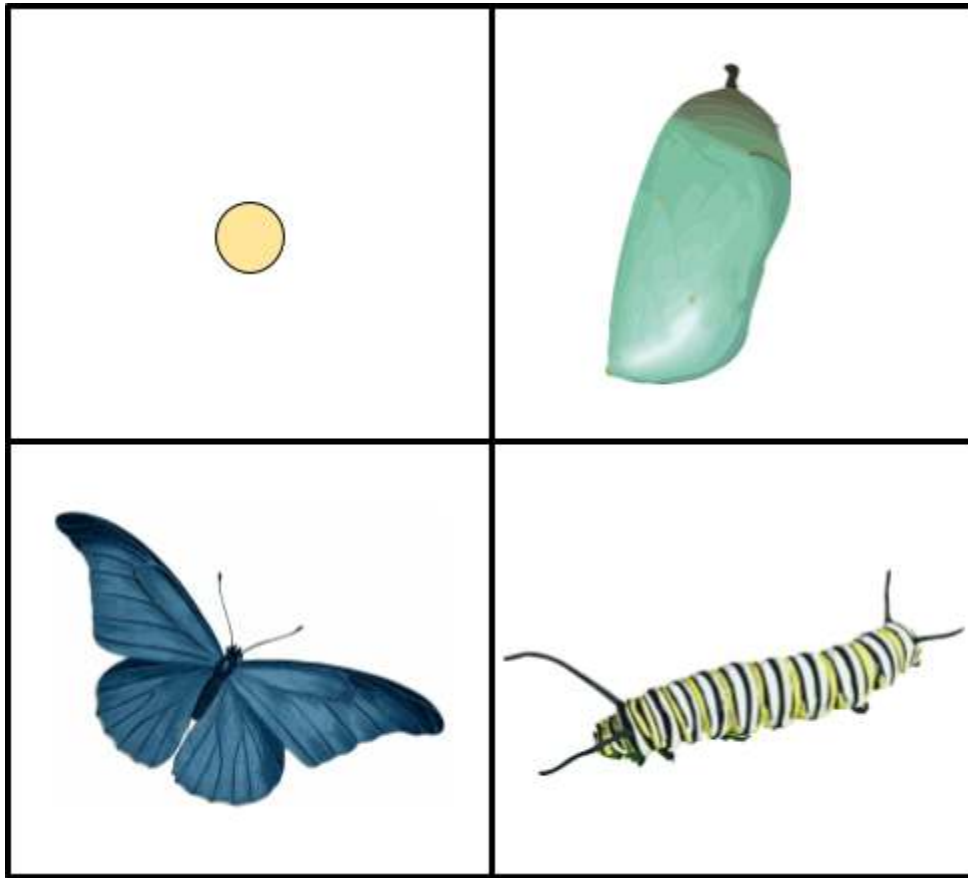
**Caterpillars** are small, hungry bugs. Some caterpillars are furry. There are many different colors of caterpillars. They eat leaves and get fatter. After a week or two, the caterpillars create a cocoon.

**Cocoons**, or chrysalises, are like protective houses to keep caterpillars safe until they transform into butterflies. Cocoons come in lots of different colors. Five to twenty-one days later, the butterfly cuts a hole in the cocoon and shows off its beautiful wings!

**Butterflies** will usually wait a few hours for their wings to dry before flying. They have four wings. Butterflies drink nectar from flowers for energy. When they drink the nectar, the butterflies are also helping the flowers to grow more flowers! Sometimes butterflies will eat fruit. One day, these butterflies will lay tiny, yellow eggs on the undersides of leaves!



Cut out the images. Then place in the correct life cycle order.



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