

# The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

The life cycle of a butterfly is amazing.

## The Egg

A butterfly will lay its eggs on a leaf.



## The Chrysalis

A butterfly comes out of the chrysalis. It waits until its wings have dried before it can fly.

## The Caterpillar

A tiny caterpillar eats its way out of the egg. They eat lots of leaves and grow very quickly.

## The Chrysalis

The caterpillar turns itself into a chrysalis. The chrysalis turns hard over time.

## Fun Facts!

- A caterpillar will shed its skin four or five times before it changes into a chrysalis.
- Caterpillars have 16 legs.
- Butterflies actually have four wings!

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