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Butterflies are colourful insects.

Introduction

Butterflies are insects, like flies or bees.
In some ways, all insects are the same.
But in some ways, they are different.

Many people think butterflies are beautiful.
Everyone agrees they are special
because of their colourful wings.

Stages in a Butterfly's Life

A butterfly's life has four stages.
Some people like the last stage best.
By the last stage, it has changed a lot.
Each change is called **metamorphosis**.

First, a female butterfly
lays about 1,000 eggs.
Next, a caterpillar hatches from each egg.
It sheds its skin as it grows.
This is horrible to see.

A butterfly laying eggs

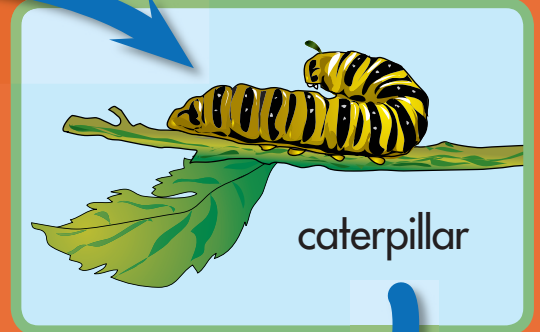
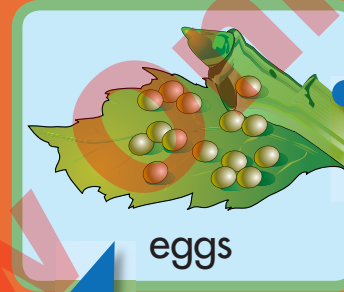


A caterpillar shedding its skin



Then, the caterpillar wraps up in a shell.
The insect in the shell is called a **chrysalis**.
Slowly, the insect changes
into a beautiful butterfly.
Finally, the butterfly comes out of the shell.

Life Cycle of a Butterfly



A butterfly coming out of its shell after metamorphosis