

# The Butterfly Life Cycle

Butterflies are amazing creatures that go through a special journey called a life cycle. Let's learn about the different stages of this journey!

## 1. Egg

The life of a butterfly begins as a tiny egg. The mommy butterfly lays these eggs on the leaves of plants. They can be very small, almost like little dots!

## 2. Caterpillar (Larva)

After a few days, the little egg hatches, and out comes a caterpillar! The caterpillar is very hungry, and it eats lots of leaves to grow big and strong. It might grow very fast and even change its skin several times!

## 3. Chrysalis (Pupa)

Next, the caterpillar finds a safe place to rest. It wraps itself up in a special cocoon called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar is changing and transforming into a butterfly. This takes a few weeks.

## 4. Butterfly

Finally, the chrysalis opens up, and out comes a beautiful butterfly! At first, its wings are soft and wet. The butterfly has to wait for its wings to dry before it can fly around. Once it's ready, it flaps its wings and takes off to explore!

## Fun Fact!

Did you know that butterflies come in many colors and patterns? You can find them in gardens, parks, and even in your backyard!

## Summary

The butterfly life cycle has four stages: Egg, Caterpillar, Chrysalis, and Butterfly. Each stage is very important for the butterfly to grow and become healthy!