

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY

Educational Observation Chart

The Egg

A female butterfly lays tiny eggs on the leaves of plants. These plants will eventually become food for the hatching larvae.

Sketch or Attach Image: Egg Stage

The Larva (Caterpillar)

The caterpillar hatches and begins to eat constantly, growing rapidly and shedding its skin (molting) several times.

Sketch or Attach Image: Caterpillar Stage

The Pupa (Chrysalis)

Inside the protective shell of the chrysalis, the caterpillar's body undergoes a complete transformation called metamorphosis.

Sketch or Attach Image: Chrysalis Stage

The Adult Butterfly

An adult butterfly emerges, dries its wings, and flies away to find nectar and start the cycle over again.

Sketch or Attach Image: Adult Stage

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