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## Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Butterflies are insects. The life cycle of a butterfly is made up of four parts - egg, larva (caterpillars), pupa (chrysalis) and adult. Female butterflies attach their eggs to a leaf with a special glue. After a few days the egg hatches into a caterpillar. The caterpillar is very hungry and eats for about 2 weeks. Caterpillars are plant eaters. After the caterpillar has eaten, it sheds its skin and crawls out of it. The caterpillar now becomes a pupa and attaches itself to a twig and grows a chrysalis to protect it. This stage lasts for about a week until the adult butterfly breaks the chrysalis. It takes about two hours for the butterfly to dry out before it can fly away. Did you know that butterflies have four wings?



### Questions

1. The life cycle of a butterfly is made up of how many parts?

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2. Where do female butterflies attach their eggs?

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3. Do caterpillars eat plants? **Yes / No**

4. Which stage comes after the caterpillar?

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5. What does the pupa grow to protect it?

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6. Put the stages of a butterfly's life cycle in order. Start with the egg:

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**7.** How long does it take the butterfly to dry out before it can fly?

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**8.** How many wings does a butterfly have?

**a.** 5

**b.** 6

**c.** 4

**d.** 3

**9.** Draw a picture of a butterfly in the box below.

