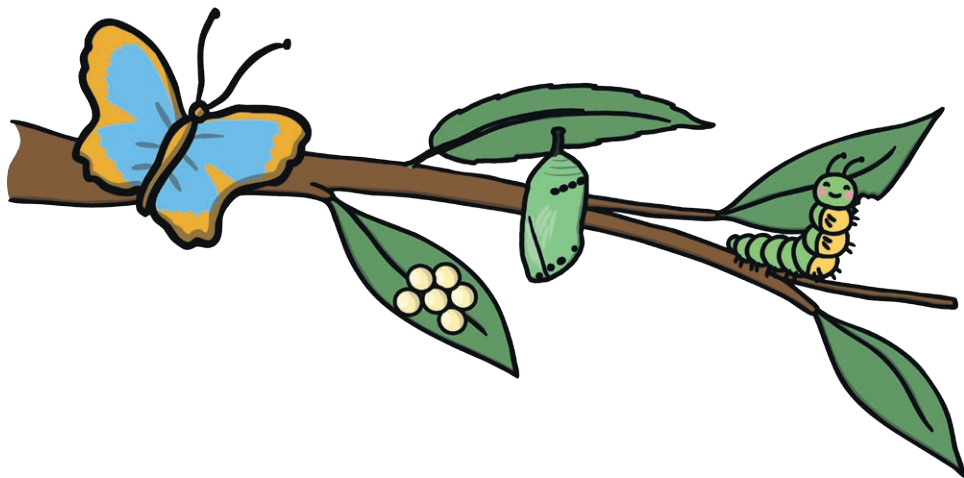


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Fact Cards



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Caterpillars



Caterpillars are small animals that turn into butterflies or moths.

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Caterpillars



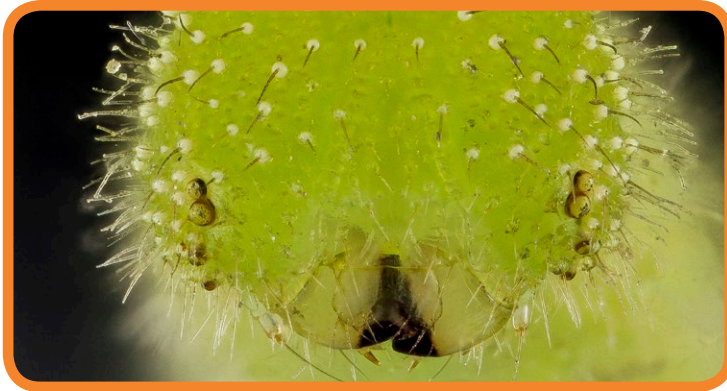
A group of caterpillars is often called an army!

Caterpillars



Caterpillars will often shed their skin. This is because they grow very quickly. They do this a few times before creating a chrysalis and turning into a butterfly.

Caterpillars



Caterpillars are usually very hungry! They need to eat lots and lots of leaves to give them enough energy to turn into a butterfly. They have strong mouths and jaws so they can eat lots!

Life Cycle



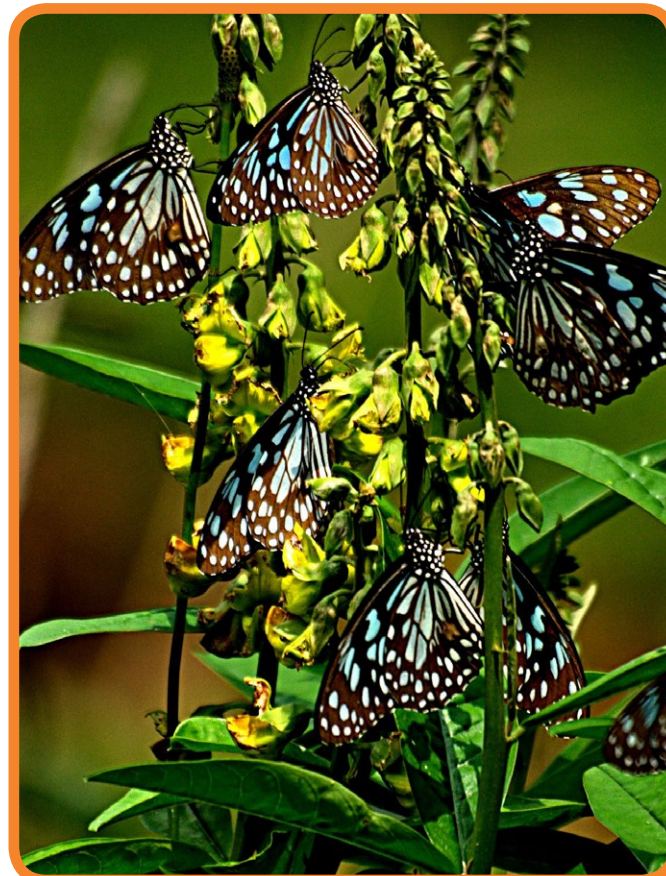
The life cycle of a butterfly has 4 main stages: an egg, a caterpillar, a chrysalis and a butterfly.

Life Cycle



Butterflies grow from caterpillars. First, a butterfly lays an egg, which hatches into a baby caterpillar. Once the caterpillar has grown, it spins a chrysalis around itself. When it comes out of the chrysalis, the caterpillar has turned into a butterfly!

Butterflies



A group of butterflies are called a kaleidoscope or a flutter!