

Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Egg: A butterfly starts its life as an egg, laid by a female butterfly

Larva: the larva (**caterpillar**) hatches from an egg and eats leaves or flowers almost constantly. The caterpillar molts (loses its old skin) many times as it grows.

Pupa: the caterpillar turns into a pupa (**chrysalis**); it will stay there for one week; this is a resting stage. The chrysalis shell is hard and inside is the butterfly. It is shaped like an upside down teardrop.

Adult: A beautiful, flying adult emerges. There is no growth during this stage. This adult will continue the cycle and reproduce.

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These four pictures depict four stages in the life of a butterfly. Can you order them from one (beginning) to four (end)?

