

METAMORPHOSIS

(The life cycle of a butterfly)

BUTTERFLY

When the butterfly is ready to emerge, it breaks free from the chrysalis. Once the butterfly is ready to fly away it will then aim to find a mate to reproduce so it can lay eggs and start the cycle again.

EGGS

The adult female butterfly lays her eggs onto the leaves of a specific plant. She usually lays between 200–500 eggs at this stage.

CHRYSALIS

Once the caterpillar has fully grown, it transforms into a pupa (or a chrysalis). In this stage the body of the caterpillar breaks down and starts to reform into the adult butterfly. This process is known as Metamorphosis.

CATERPILLAR

The eggs hatch into caterpillars, which then eat the leaves that they are hatched onto. The job of the caterpillar is to eat and grow. Caterpillars can grow up to 100 times their size in this stage.

