

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY



Most animals look like their parents when they are born. A **puppy** looks like its mother and father. A baby spider has 8 legs and it has the same colour as its parents. Then, what does a baby butterfly look like? Has it got four colourful and beautiful **wings**? Has it got six legs? The answer to all these questions is no, because a butterfly is not a **butterfly** when it is born. So, what is it?

The mother butterfly lays **eggs** on leaves. Out of the eggs comes a tiny and very hungry **caterpillar**. It eats **leaves** for two weeks and becomes a big and fat caterpillar. After that, it builds a small house called "a cocoon". It begins to change and becomes "a **pupa**". It stays inside the cocoon for about 15 days..



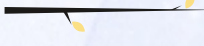
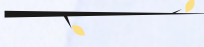
After two weeks, the pupa comes out of the cocoon and it's now a beautiful butterfly. The butterfly can't fly at first, it waits until its wings **dry**. Finally when it's ready, the butterfly flies off to find flowers, because it's hungry again!

READING

1. a. Read about the life cycle of a butterfly. Complete the gaps 1-4 in the chart with the **highlighted** words in the text.
- b. Read the text again. What does the text say about these numbers?

VOCABULARY

2. Match the **highlighted** words in the text to the definitions below.

- 1- the green and flat parts of a plant or a tree 
- 2- a baby dog 
- 3- not wet 
- 4- birds and some insect use these to fly 

PROJECT

3. Baby frogs also don't look like their parents. Search the internet to find out the 5 life cycle stages of a frog. Present it to your class.

