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The Life of a Butterfly

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A butterfly begins life as a little **egg**. The mother looks for a strong leaf. She lays her eggs on top of a leaf. She can also lay her eggs under a leaf.



Will the eggs fall off the leaf? No, they will not! Why not? The eggs are **sticky**. This will keep them on the leaf.

When it is time, the egg opens up. Out comes a **caterpillar**. A caterpillar can be one color or many colors.



Caterpillars need to eat a lot of food. Most caterpillars start eating on the leaf where the eggs are.



Caterpillars eat a lot of leaves.

Some caterpillars eat plants. Others eat **fruit** or bugs. Caterpillars eat a lot, so they will grow.



Caterpillars eat many things.



Because they eat so much, caterpillars grow very big. They also grow very fast. When they eat all of a leaf, they move on to the next leaf.