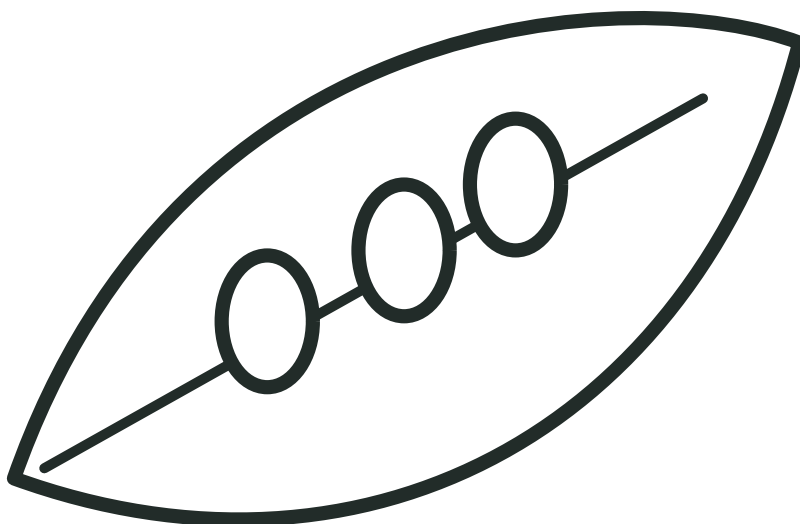


# Egg

Color the leaf and egg. Tell an adult what hatches next.



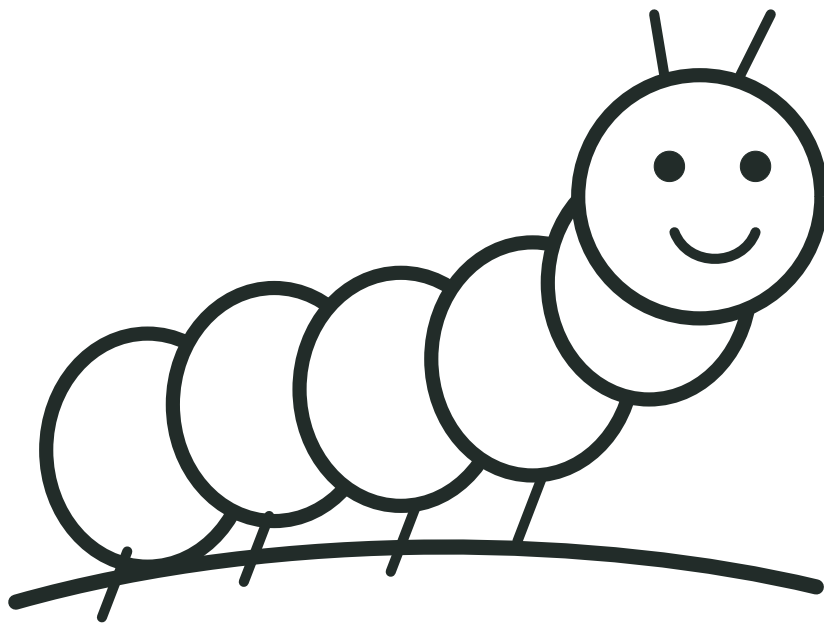
**EGG**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Caterpillar

Color the caterpillar. Find its long body.



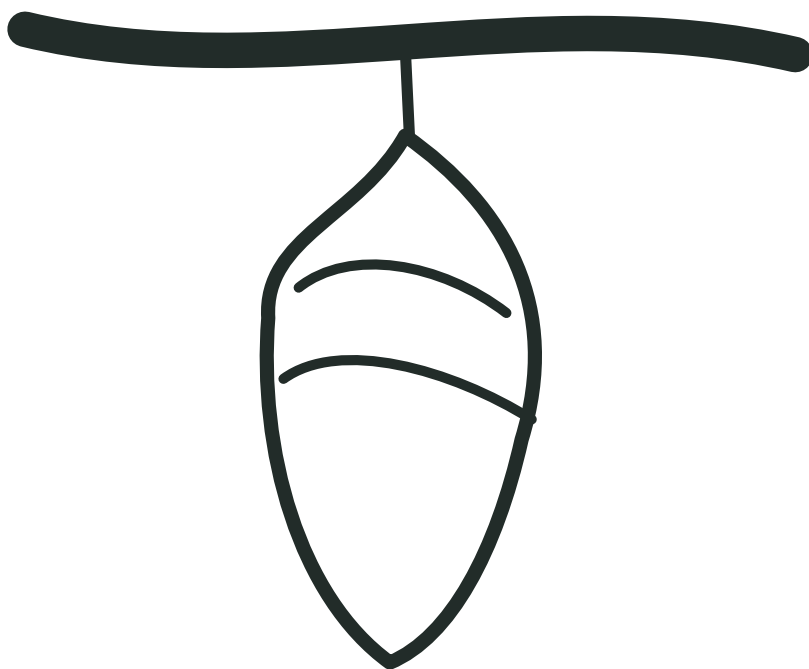
## CATERPILLAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Chrysalis

Color the chrysalis. Tell an adult what comes out.



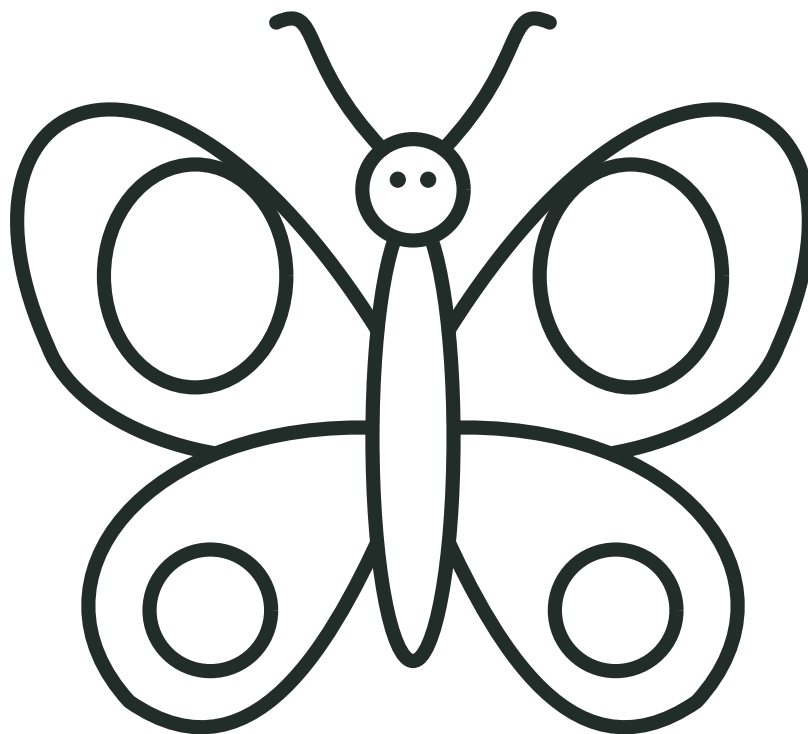
**CHRYSALIS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Adult Butterfly

Color the butterfly. Find both sides of its wings.



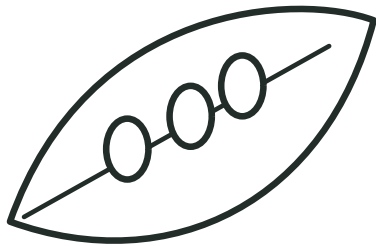
**ADULT BUTTERFLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

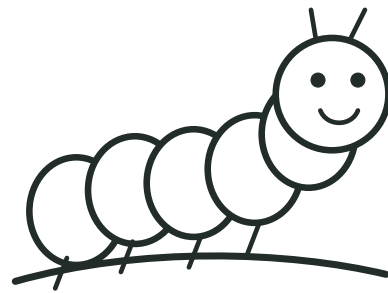
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# The Whole Life Cycle

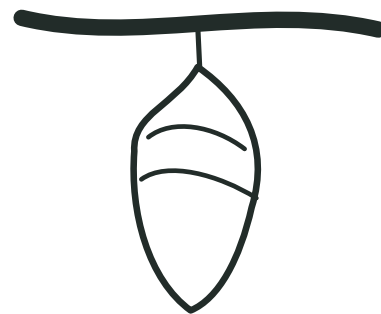
Start at the egg. Follow the arrows and say each stage.



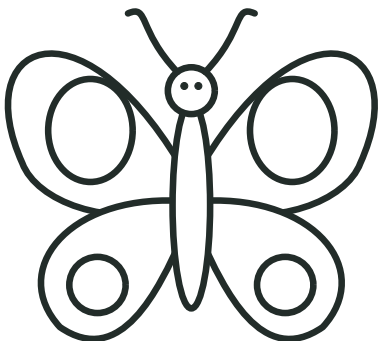
**1. Egg**



**2. Caterpillar**



**3. Chrysalis**



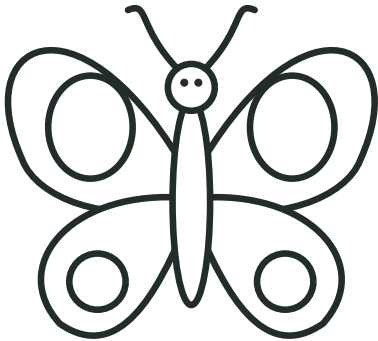
**4. Adult Butterfly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

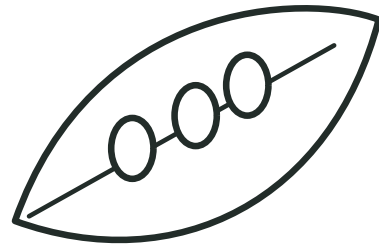
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# Put the Stages in Order

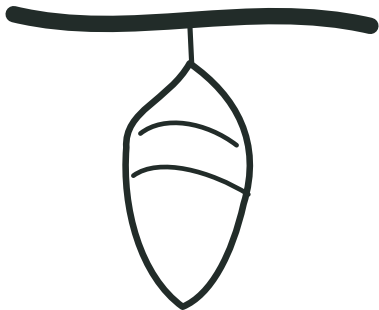
Write 1 to 4 in the boxes. Start with the egg.



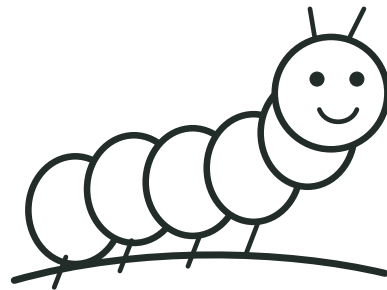
Adult Butterfly



Egg



Chrysalis



Caterpillar

Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Butterfly Life Cycle Coloring Pages

A simple plan, answer key and trustworthy reading.

Suggested level: Ages 3-5 with an adult | Naming life stages and putting events in order

## GET READY

- Read the stage names aloud together.
- Color a stage and talk about what changes.
- Use the cycle page first, then try the ordering page.

## SHEET-BY-SHEET NOTES

01 / Egg: A caterpillar hatches from the egg.

02 / Caterpillar: The caterpillar is the larva. Next comes the chrysalis.

03 / Chrysalis: An adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis, the pupa stage.

04 / Adult Butterfly: The adult is a butterfly. Adult females can lay eggs.

05 / The Whole Life Cycle: Egg -> Caterpillar -> Chrysalis -> Adult Butterfly. The cycle starts again with eggs.

06 / Put the Stages in Order: Reading left to right, top row then bottom row: 4, 1, 3, 2.

## TEACHING NOTES

- A caterpillar is a larva; a chrysalis is a pupa. These are different stages, not different animals.
- The pictures show a simplified butterfly cycle. Stage lengths and host plants vary among species.
- Read the labels for younger children. The ordering answer follows the pictures from left to right, top row then bottom row.

## READ MORE / FACT CHECKING

### Smithsonian: Butterflies and Beyond

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/education/teaching-resources/life-science/butterflies-and-beyond>