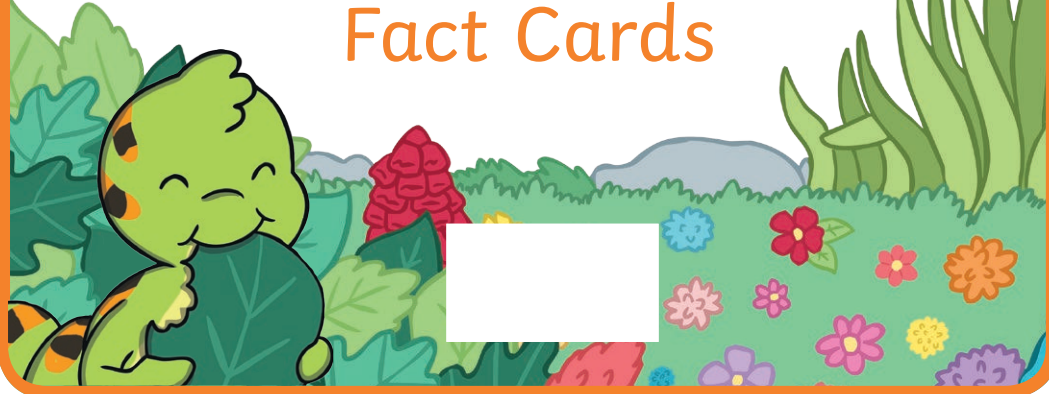




The Cautious Caterpillar Fact Cards



Did You Know?

A female
butterfly lays
her eggs on
leaves.



Did You Know?

Butterfly eggs are very tiny.
Different types of butterflies will lay eggs in
different shapes, sizes and colours.



Did You Know?

Caterpillars eat their way out of their egg.
They start munching on leaves straight away.





Some caterpillars have tiny hairs on their bodies.
These help to protect them from predators.



Did You Know?

Caterpillars have 16 legs.



Did You Know?

As a caterpillar eats leaves, it gets
bigger and bigger.



Did You Know?

Caterpillars shed
their skin because it
becomes too tight as
they get bigger.

A caterpillar might
shed its skin four or
five times as it grows!





When a caterpillar is fully grown, it turns itself into a chrysalis.



Did You Know?

A chrysalis is the stage that happens to the insect after it is a caterpillar but before it becomes a butterfly.



Did You Know?

The caterpillar changes into a butterfly inside the chrysalis.



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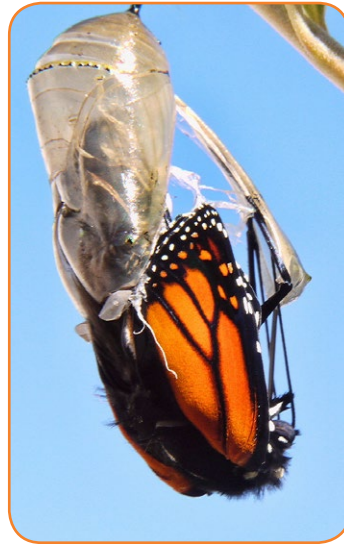
When a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, this is called metamorphosis.





When a butterfly comes out of its chrysalis, it cannot fly straight away.

Its wings are soft, wet and wrinkled.



Did You Know?

Butterflies drink, rather than eat. They like to drink water, liquid from fruit, and nectar (a sugary liquid) from flowers.



Did You Know?

Butterflies actually have four wings!



Did You Know?

A butterfly's wings are almost always symmetrical (a mirror-image of each other).





The butterfly will look for a mate and the whole life cycle will begin again!

