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The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

All **creatures** have a **life cycle**.

It begins when a creature is born.

Many creatures grow bigger as they get older, but they still look the same. One **example** of this is a cat.

A butterfly's life cycle is not like this. It goes through four different **stages**.

The first stage is the egg. Eggs are laid by an adult butterfly. She lays them on a **juicy** leaf. She can lay up to five hundred eggs!

After a few weeks the eggs **hatch**. This is the second stage. It is called a **caterpillar** now. The caterpillars don't have far to go for food. They eat the leaves that they hatched on!

After a few weeks the caterpillar is fully grown. It wraps itself in a little sack. The sack is **attached** to a leaf or stem.

This is the third stage. It is called the **pupa**. After a while, the pupa changes. It grows legs, wings and a new body. When the time is right, it comes out of the sack.

This is the fourth stage. The pupa has turned into a pretty butterfly! Then the life cycle begins all over again.



A Write yes or no.

1. Eggs are laid by an adult butterfly. _____
2. Butterfly eggs hatch into caterpillars. _____
3. A caterpillar takes a few years to grow. _____
4. The pupa grows inside a little sack. _____
5. The pupa turns into a butterfly. _____
6. Only some creatures have a life cycle. _____



★ Why do you think the butterfly lays her eggs on a juicy leaf?



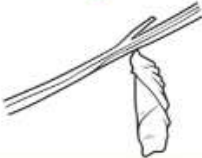

B Fill in the missing words.

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1. A butterfly's life cycle has four _____.
2. All _____ have life cycles.
3. The eggs _____ after a few weeks.
4. A _____ will eat the leaf it hatched on.
5. The third stage is called the _____.
6. A butterfly is an _____ of a minibeast.



C Match each stage to the correct picture.

First stage	Second stage	Third stage	Fourth stage
			



Ordinals are numbers that show us the order of things in a list.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th
 first second third fourth fifth sixth seventh eighth ninth tenth

A Fill in the labels with the correct ordinal.

First

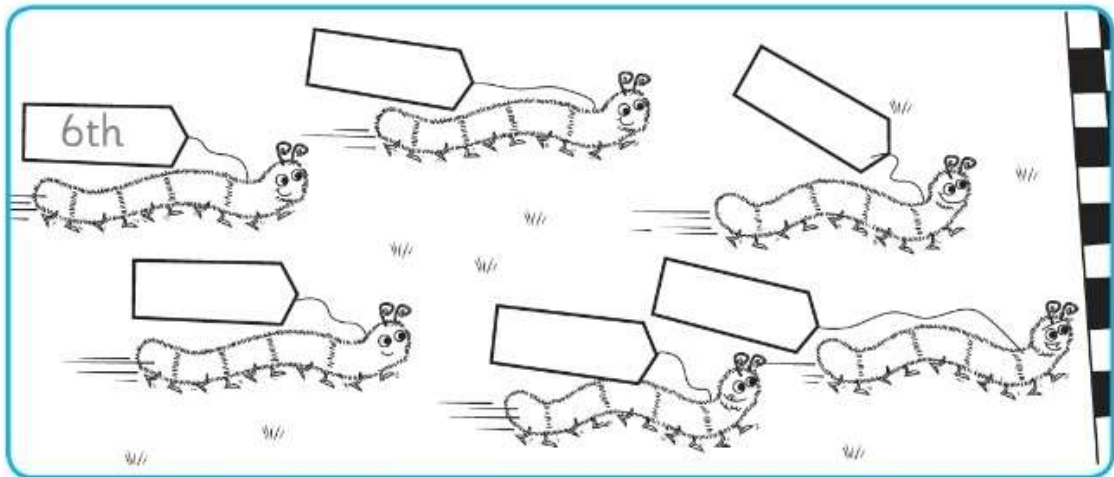
Second

Third

Fourth

Fifth

Sixth



B Write the ordinals as words.

1. He lives on the fifth floor. (5th)
2. She came _____ in the race. (1st)
3. This is my _____ ice cream! (3rd)
4. My sister is in _____ class. (6th)
5. Where is the _____ player? (2nd)
6. My birthday is the _____ of February. (4th)



Draw a row of six butterflies in your copy. Follow these instructions to colour the butterflies.

third → yellow; sixth → red; first → orange;
 fourth → purple; second → blue; fifth → green.