

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Author's Purpose

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Life of a Butterfly

Butterflies are beautiful insects. They have a special life cycle with four stages.

Egg: A butterfly starts as a tiny egg on a leaf.

Caterpillar: The egg hatches into a caterpillar. The caterpillar eats leaves and grows bigger.

Chrysalis: The caterpillar forms a shell called a chrysalis. Inside, it changes into a butterfly.

Butterfly: After some time, a butterfly comes out of the chrysalis. It spreads its wings and flies away.

This process is called metamorphosis.



Name: _____

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1. What is the second stage of a butterfly's life cycle?

- A. Egg
- B. Caterpillar
- C. Chrysalis
- D. Butterfly

2. What happens inside the chrysalis?

- A. The butterfly lays eggs
- B. The caterpillar eats leaves
- C. The caterpillar changes into a butterfly
- D. The butterfly rests

3. Fill in the blank:

The process of a caterpillar changing into a butterfly is called _____.

4. Why do you think butterflies lay their eggs on leaves?

5. How does each stage of the life cycle prepare the butterfly for the next stage?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: K

Lexile Level: 330L-480L

Grade Level: 2nd Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Informational

Introducing the Text

"Today, we'll learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. As we read, think about how each stage helps the butterfly grow and change."

Vocabulary: butterfly, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, metamorphosis

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about butterflies?
 2. Have you seen a caterpillar before? What did it look like?
 3. What do you think metamorphosis means?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does a caterpillar do after hatching from the egg?
 2. How does the chrysalis protect the changing butterfly?
 3. Why is each stage important for the butterfly's development?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. Can you describe the life cycle of a butterfly in your own words?
 2. Why is metamorphosis important for butterflies?
 3. How do butterflies help the environment?
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Activity Idea

Create a visual timeline of the butterfly's life cycle using drawings or photos. Label each stage and write a brief description.

