

## How Butterflies Change

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

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### ■ Read It!

### From Tiny Egg to Beautiful Butterfly

A butterfly does not start out with wings. It goes through four stages of change. This is called a life cycle.

First, a butterfly lays a tiny egg on a leaf. Then, a small caterpillar hatches from the egg. The caterpillar eats and eats. It grows bigger every day.

Next, the caterpillar wraps itself in a shell called a chrysalis. Inside, something amazing happens. The caterpillar slowly turns into a butterfly.

Last, the butterfly pushes out of the chrysalis. Its wings dry in the sun. Then it flies away to find flowers.

### —■ Circle the Best Answer

**1. How many stages are in a butterfly's life cycle?**

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four

**2. What hatches from the butterfly egg?**

- A) A butterfly
- B) A caterpillar
- C) A chrysalis

**3. What is the shell called that the caterpillar wraps itself in?**

- A) A cocoon shell
- B) A chrysalis
- C) An egg case

**4. What does the butterfly do after its wings dry?**

- A) It lays an egg.
- B) It eats a leaf.
- C) It flies away to find flowers.

■ Write Your Answer

**5. What does the caterpillar do to get bigger? (Use the passage.)**

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**6. What word in the passage means a big change happens? (Hint: look at paragraph 3.)**

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■ Think About It!

**7. Draw one stage of the butterfly life cycle. Write a sentence to tell what is happening.**

*My sentence:*

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Score: \_\_\_\_\_ / 7    **Amazing work!** ■

## Answer Key

How Butterflies Change — Grade 1 Reading Comprehension

**For the tutor/teacher:** Questions 1–4 have one correct answer. Questions 5–6 are short answer — accept any reasonable response showing understanding of the text. Question 7 is open-ended (drawing + sentence).

### —■ Multiple Choice Answers

**1. How many stages are in a butterfly's life cycle?**

✓ C) Four

*Evidence: Paragraph 1: "It goes through four stages of change."*

**2. What hatches from the butterfly egg?**

✓ B) A caterpillar

*Evidence: Paragraph 2: "a small caterpillar hatches from the egg."*

**3. What is the shell called that the caterpillar wraps itself in?**

✓ B) A chrysalis

*Evidence: Paragraph 3: "the caterpillar wraps itself in a shell called a chrysalis."*

**4. What does the butterfly do after its wings dry?**

✓ C) It flies away to find flowers.

*Evidence: Paragraph 4: "Then it flies away to find flowers."*

### ■ ■ Short Answer Answers

**5. What does the caterpillar do to get bigger?**

✓ It eats and eats.

*Evidence: Paragraph 2: "The caterpillar eats and eats. It grows bigger every day."*

**6. What word means a big change happens?**

✓ "Amazing" — accept also "change" or "life cycle."

*Evidence: Paragraph 3: "something amazing happens."*

### ■ Open-Ended (Question 7)

**7. Drawing + sentence.**

*Accept any one of the four stages: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, or butterfly.*

*The sentence should describe what is happening at that stage.*

*Look for a capital letter at the start and a period at the end.*

<b>Scoring Guide</b>		
<b>Questions 1–4</b>	1 pt each	4 pts total
<b>Questions 5–6</b>	1 pt each	2 pts total
<b>Question 7</b>	1 pt	Drawing + sentence attempt
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 points</b>	