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Caterpillar to Butterfly



A pretty orange, black, and white butterfly lands on a flower.

monarch
butterfly

milkweed



Monarch butterflies lay eggs on milkweed plants.

1



milkweed

2



egg

GUESS
WHAT?

The monarch
butterfly's eggs
hatch in four
days.

3



caterpillar

The hungry little caterpillar eats the milkweed leaves. It grows bigger and bigger.



The big, striped caterpillar is finished growing.

Now it attaches itself to a twig using a pad of silk.



**GUESS
WHAT?**

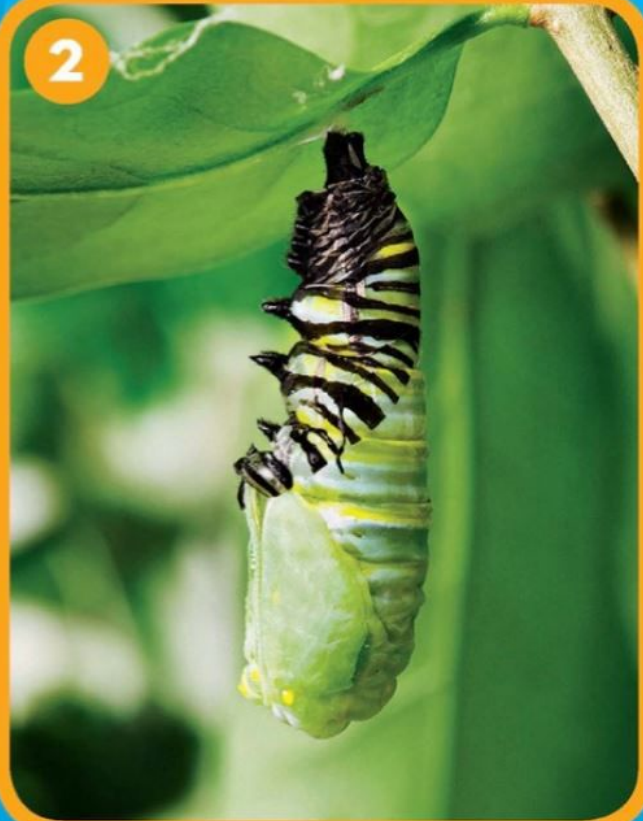
As the monarch caterpillar makes its silk pad, it looks like the letter J.

The caterpillar turns into a special hard shell called a chrysalis (KRIH-seh-lis).

1



2



3



The caterpillar changes into a monarch butterfly inside the chrysalis.



**GUESS
WHAT?**

Another name
for a chrysalis
is pupa.

The new butterfly crawls out of the chrysalis.



The monarch butterfly's wings are folded and soft.



**GUESS
WHAT?**

The caterpillar
changed into a
butterfly in about
ten days.

**The butterfly stretches its wings
as they grow stronger.**



The pretty orange-and-black butterfly flies away.



**GUESS
WHAT?**

**Monarch
butterflies visit
flowers to drink
sweet juice called
nectar.**

Can you point to
each part of a
butterfly's life?

egg

tiny caterpillar

big caterpillar

chrysalis

butterfly

