Butterfly Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

Write 1, 2, 3... in the boxes to show the order of the butterfly life cycle.

☐	**Adult** – An adult butterfly emerges, dries its wings and flies off.
☐	**Larva** – The caterpillar hatches and eats, molting as it grows.
☐	**Pupa** – The caterpillar forms a chrysalis and changes inside.
☐	**Egg** – A butterfly lays eggs on leaves the caterpillar will eat.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. metamorphosis	A. the hard case a butterfly pupa forms
2. chrysalis	B. the young, worm-like stage of some insects
3. larva	C. a big change in body shape as an animal grows

3. Draw and label

Draw your favourite stage of the butterfly life cycle and label it.

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Larva → Pupa → Adult

Word match

1–C, 2–A, 3–B

Try this activity

Make a butterfly life cycle plate using pasta shapes: a small bead egg, spiral pasta caterpillar, shell pasta chrysalis and bow-tie pasta butterfly. Label each stage.

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