Caterpillar/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 caterpillar/butterfly life cycle.

☐	**Egg** – A butterfly lays tiny eggs on the right food plant.
☐	**Pupa** – The caterpillar forms a chrysalis, and its body changes inside.
☐	**Adult** – A butterfly comes out, dries its wings and flies away.
☐	**Larva** – The caterpillar hatches, eats lots of leaves and molts as it grows.

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. a big change in body shape as an animal grows
3. larva	C. the young, worm-like stage of some insects

3. Draw and label

Draw your favourite stage of the caterpillar/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–B, 2–A, 3–C

Try this activity

Raise painted lady caterpillars from a school kit in a mesh habitat. Keep a diary drawing each stage, then release the butterflies outside on a warm day if they are native to your area.

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