

# Butterfly Facts

Reader 1: About 20,000 kinds of butterflies live in the world.

Reader 2: Butterflies feed mainly on nectar from flowers.

Reader 3: When a butterfly is not eating, its mouth parts are rolled up.

Reader 4: Two long antennae, used for smelling, grow on their head.

Reader 1: Hairs on butterfly's feet help it taste food.

Reader 2: A butterfly's wings are covered with overlapping scales.

Reader 3: The scales provide color and patterns.

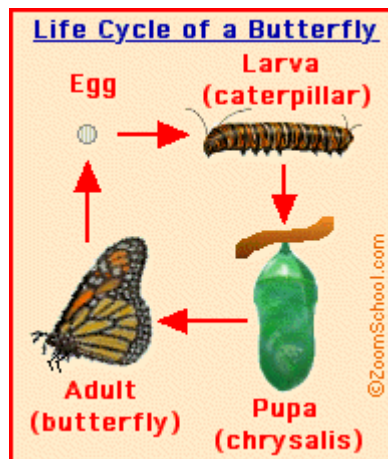
Reader 4: Most butterflies rest with their wings upright.

Reader 1: Butterflies go through four stages of development.

Reader 2: These are: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.

Reader 3: This process is called *metamorphosis*.

Reader 4: Most adult butterflies live only a week or two.



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