



# Life Cycle of the Butterfly



## Hot Science

You use your tongue to taste things. Butterflies use their feet.

- A** Look carefully at these two butterflies that live in Ireland. Copy their different patterns and colours.



Red Admiral  
(size: 65 mm)



Small Tortoiseshell  
(size: 50 mm)

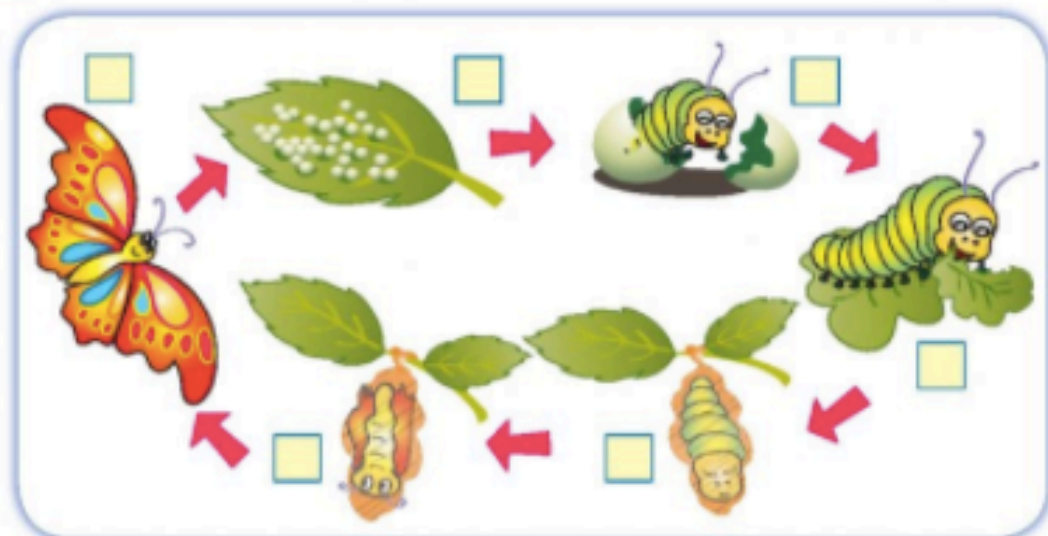


- B** Read about the life cycle of the butterfly. Write the missing words.

- The butterfly lays about 500 eggs. It uses a special g\_\_\_\_\_ to stick them onto leaves.
- Let's look at just one egg. The egg hatches. Out comes a c\_\_\_\_\_.
- The caterpillar starts to eat l\_\_\_\_\_. It eats and eats. It grows big and strong.
- The caterpillar covers itself in a cocoon (like you cover yourself with a d\_\_\_\_\_).
- Inside its cocoon, the caterpillar starts to change. It grows w\_\_\_\_\_.
- The caterpillar turns into a butterfly and breaks out of its cocoon. It f\_\_\_\_\_ off to find food.

glue  
leaves  
caterpillar  
duvet  
flies  
wings

- C** Write the missing numbers, 1 to 6, for each stage of the life cycle.



Find out and write about the Monarch butterfly and the amazing journey it makes.

