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Meadows, Milkweed, and Monarchs, Oh My!



Let's talk about going outdoors! Finish the sentences:

1. When I go outdoors, I like to _____

2. My favorite thing about nature is _____

Meet the Monarch!

Butterflies use their ANTENNAE to smell things!

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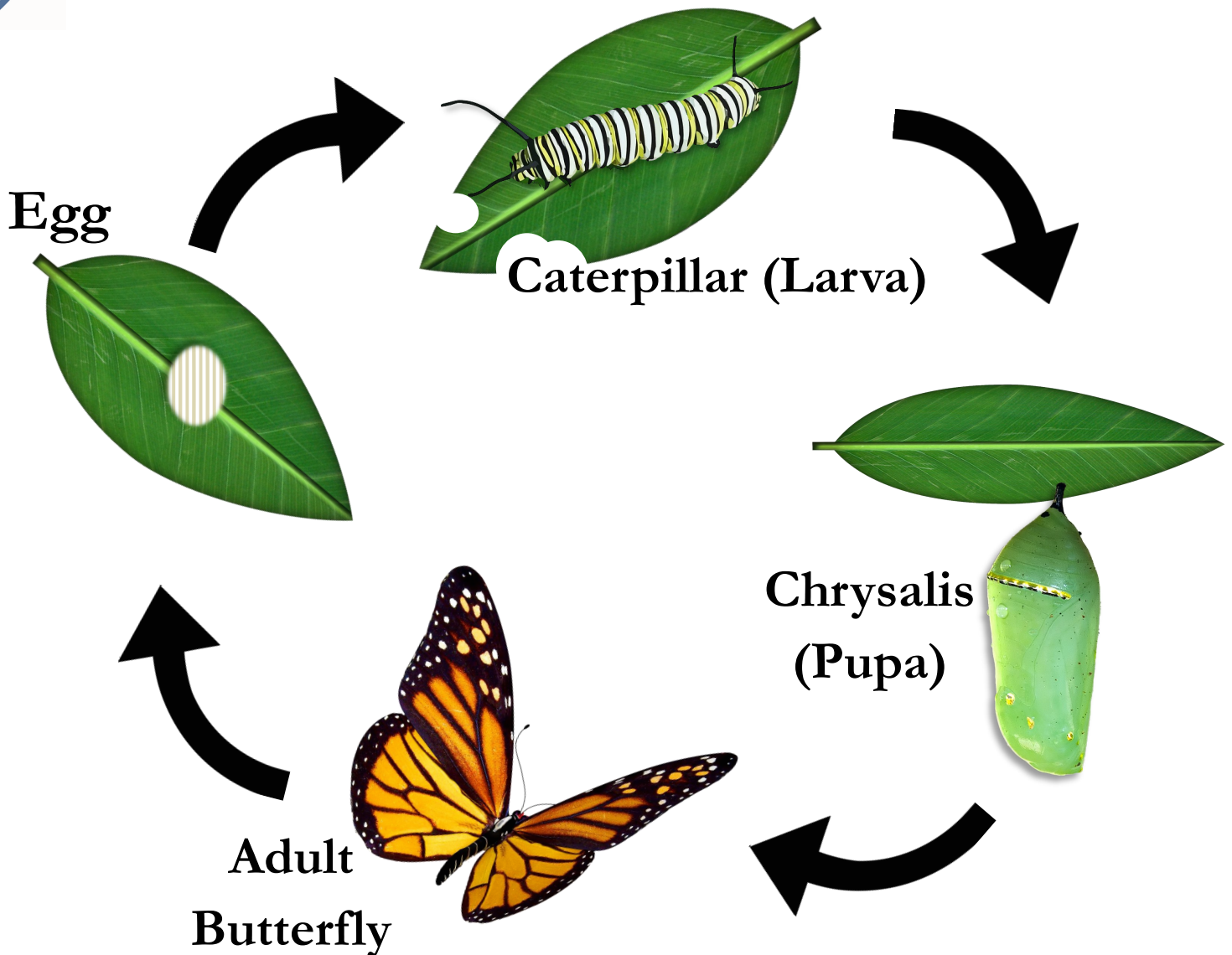
ABDOMEN

These little black spots are SCENT GLANDS and only male butterflies have them.

Bright orange wings tell other animals that the monarch is poisonous!



Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly



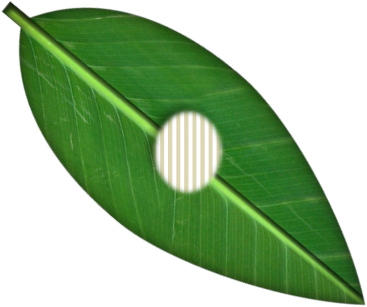
1. The first stage of the life cycle is the egg.
2. The caterpillar hatches out of the egg and begins eating milkweed.
3. After 10-14 days, the caterpillar turns into a chrysalis, or “pupa.”
4. The chrysalis stage lasts for 2 weeks and the changes that happen during this stage are called “metamorphosis.”
5. The monarch butterfly comes out of the chrysalis, dries its wings, and flies away!



Who Am I?

Match the picture with the correct stage of the life cycle.

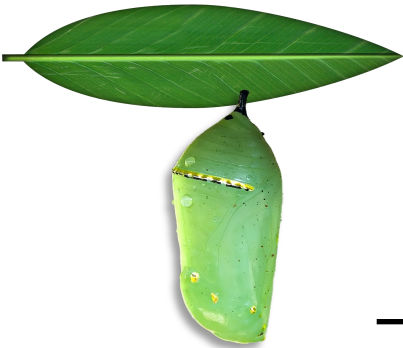
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2.



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4.



A

I have to eat a lot of
Milkweed so I can grow
bigger!

B

I have bright orange wings
to help warn off predators!

C

I am small and white, my
mom lays me on my own
leaf!

D

My stage is also called
“metamorphosis” and lasts
for almost 2 weeks!



Life Cycle Reflection



Monarch butterflies go through many changes during their life cycle.

Monarch eggs are about the size of a pinhead, then they grow bigger and stronger as caterpillars.



Now think about you! Are there any ways that your life cycle is like a monarch butterfly's? _____

When butterflies come out of their chrysalis, they can fly! Caterpillars can not fly before metamorphosis.

Can you think of something that you could not do when you were younger that you are good at now? _____

