

# The Cautious Caterpillar Fact Cards



## Did You Know?

A female  
butterfly lays  
her eggs on  
leaves.



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## Did You Know?

Butterfly eggs are very tiny.  
Different types of butterflies will lay eggs in  
different shapes, sizes and colours.



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## Did You Know?

Caterpillars eat their way out of their egg.  
They start munching on leaves straight away.



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Did You Know?

Some caterpillars have tiny hairs on their bodies.  
These help to protect them from predators.



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Did You Know?

Caterpillars have 16 legs.



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Did You Know?

As a caterpillar eats leaves, it gets  
bigger and bigger.



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Did You Know?

Caterpillars shed  
their skin because it  
becomes too tight as  
they get bigger.

A caterpillar might  
shed its skin four or  
five times as it grows!



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Did You Know?

When a caterpillar is fully grown, it turns itself into a chrysalis.



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Did You Know?

A chrysalis is the stage that happens to the insect after it is a caterpillar but before it becomes a butterfly.



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Did You Know?

The caterpillar changes into a butterfly inside the chrysalis.



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Did You Know?

When a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, this is called metamorphosis.



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Did You Know?

When a butterfly comes out of its chrysalis, it cannot fly straight away.

Its wings are soft, wet and wrinkled.

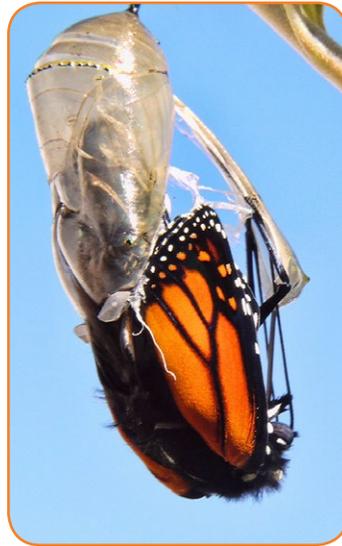


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Did You Know?

Butterflies drink, rather than eat.  
They like to drink water, liquid from fruit, and nectar (a sugary liquid) from flowers.



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Did You Know?

Butterflies actually have four wings!



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Did You Know?

A butterfly's wings are almost always symmetrical  
(a mirror-image of each other).



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Did You Know?

The butterfly will look for a mate and the whole life cycle will begin again!



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