

## LIFE CYCLES

### What is a Life Cycle?

A **life cycle** is the steps a living thing goes through as it grows from a baby into an adult.

### Life Cycle of a Frog

1. A frog lays eggs.
2. Tadpoles hatch from the eggs.
3. Tadpoles grow into adult frogs.

egg → tadpole → adult frog

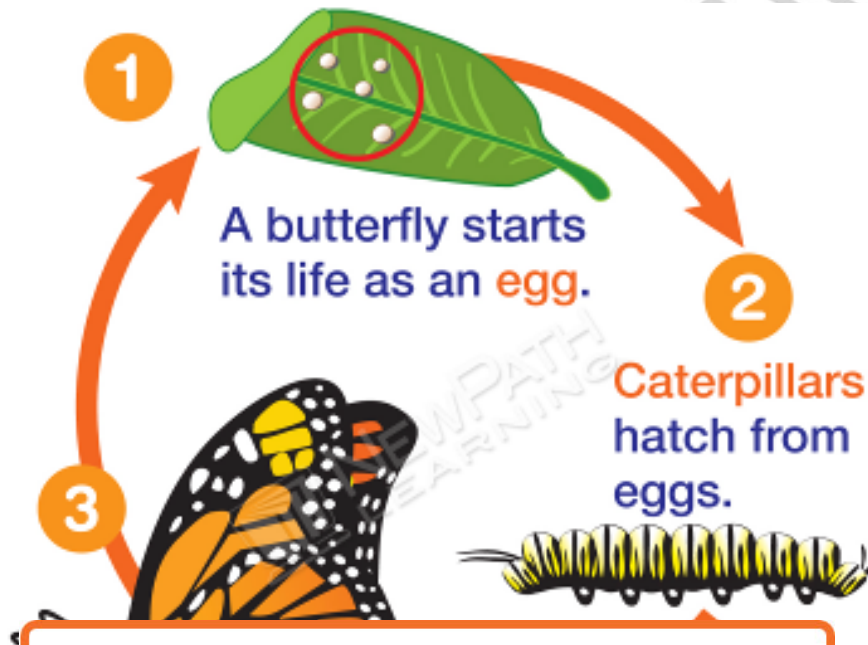


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## Life Cycle of a Butterfly



**PREVIEW**

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1. A butterfly starts its life as an egg.
2. Caterpillars hatch from eggs.
3. Some caterpillars grow into a butterfly.

## Life Cycle of a Plant

1. A plant begins its life as a seed. Inside the seed is a tiny new plant.
2. Roots grow from a seed. A stem grows from a seed.
3. When a plant starts to grow, it is called a **seedling**.  
A seedling grows into an adult plant.



## Life Cycle of a Chick

1. A mother chicken (a hen) lays eggs.
2. A baby chick grows inside an egg.
3. When the baby chick is ready to be born, the egg hatches.

