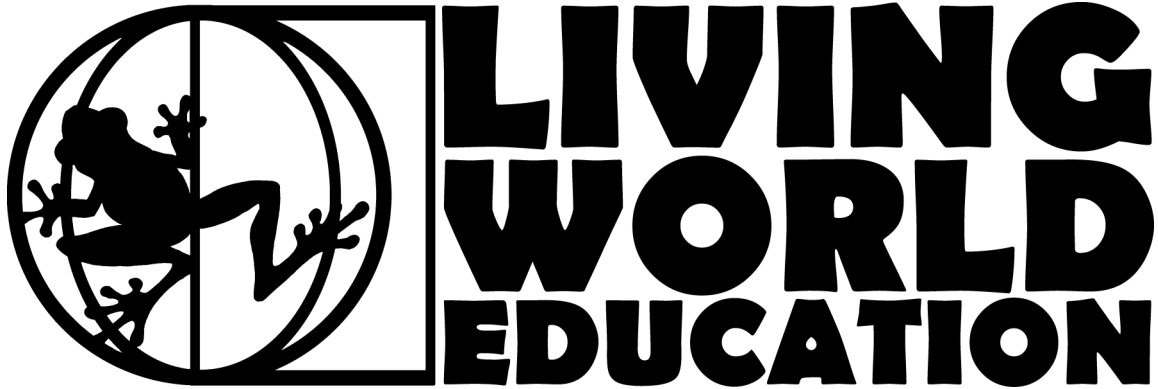


LIFE CYCLE
**PEACOCK
BUTTERFLY**



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Female butterflies **lay eggs**
on **nettles**, as the
leaves are excellent
food for the caterpillars.



The small clusters of **eggs**
each contain a tiny
caterpillar, which
will soon **hatch** out.



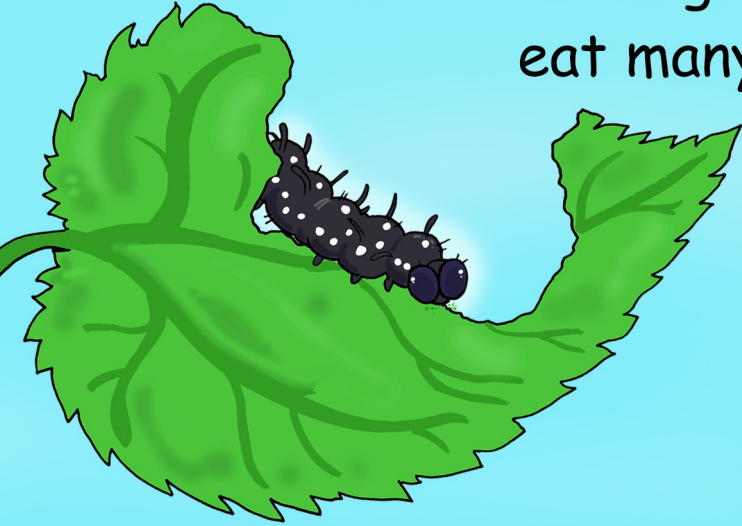
EGG CLOSE UP



The caterpillar is the **larval stage** of the life cycle. Its long body is covered in spiky structures that make it unpleasant for predators to eat!

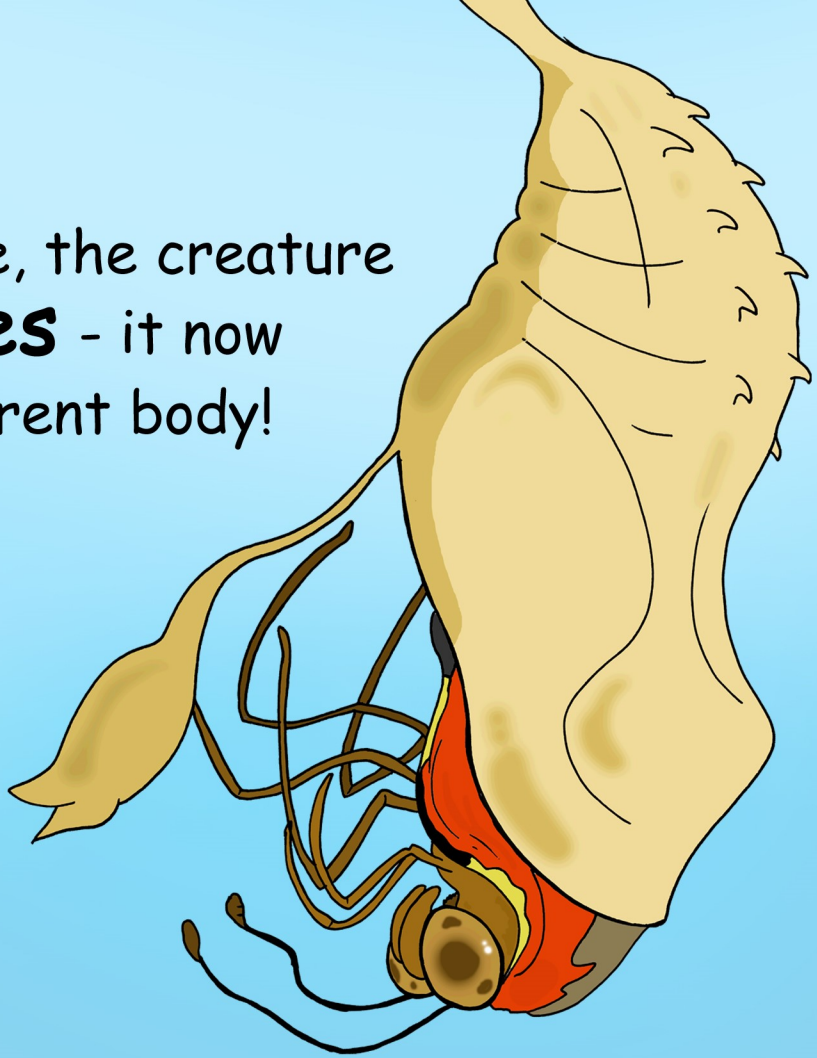


In order to grow, the caterpillar needs to eat many leaves. Once large enough, it goes into a new stage...



Within the **pupa**, or **chrysalis**, an amazing transformation is occurring...

After some time, the creature inside **emerges** - it now has a very different body!



The **adult** butterfly has now completed its transformation.



Using its colourful **wings**, it flies off in search of sweet nectar.