Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Tiny butterfly eggs are usually laid on the underside of a leaf.

This is an egg.

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A tiny larva, called a caterpillar, hatches from the egg. It eats leaves and molts (sheds its skin) many times as it grows.

When it has grown enough, the caterpillar turns into a pupa (also called a chrysalis).

This is a caterpillar.

This is a pupa.
A fully-grown adult emerges from the pupa. It will soon mate and then the female will lay eggs on a leaf.

This is the adult.