

Butterflies



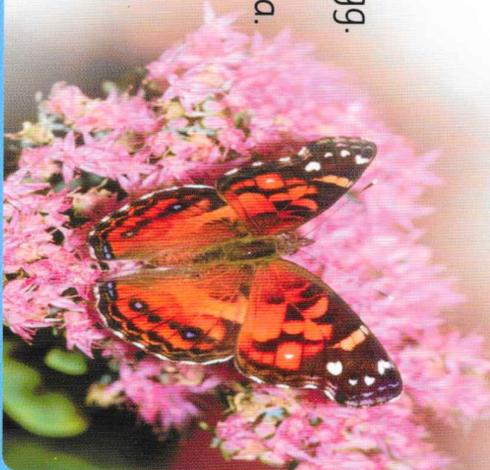
Butterflies are insects. They have six legs.

Look at the picture of a butterfly on a flower. It is called a painted lady. It is sucking nectar from the flower. Nectar is like sweet water. The butterfly's tongue is long and thin, like a tube.

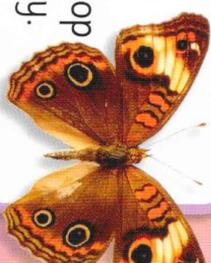
A butterfly has a long body. At the top of its head are two antennae. These help it to feel where the flowers are. A butterfly has two large wings. The painted lady has orange, black and white patterns on its wings.

This is how a butterfly grows:

1. The female butterfly lays eggs.
2. A caterpillar comes out of each egg.
3. The caterpillar spins a cocoon around itself and turns into a pupa. Inside the pupa, the caterpillar's body changes completely.
4. Four weeks later, the pupa splits open and a butterfly comes out.



AMAZING! Many butterflies have spots on their wings that look like eyes. These spots confuse birds and stop them from attacking the butterfly.



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- Why do you think it is not a good idea to pick up a butterfly?
- Some butterflies have names as beautiful as they look. Here are some: clouded yellow, holly blue, meadow brown. Make up some interesting butterfly names.
- Why do you think we see butterflies in the summer and not in the winter?
- What do butterflies suck from flowers?
- What does a butterfly use its antennae for?
- What does a caterpillar turn into before it becomes a butterfly?

