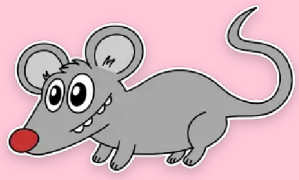
SCIENCE · BUTTERFLY AND FROG LIFE CYCLES · GRADES 2–3

Life Cycle Words

Match larva, pupa, metamorphosis, tadpole, froglet and gills to their meanings, then fill in a short life cycle story.



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Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

larva ●	● a baby frog with a tail that lives in water
pupa ●	● the caterpillar stage of a butterfly
metamorphosis ●	● body parts a tadpole uses to breathe underwater
tadpole ●	● the stage inside a chrysalis, when the body changes
froglet ●	● a young frog with legs and a short tail
gills ●	● a big change in body shape as an animal grows

Word bank

egg · leaves · chrysalis · wings · larva

1. A butterfly lays an _____ on a leaf.
2. A caterpillar, or _____, hatches out.
3. The caterpillar eats lots of _____ and grows.
4. It makes a _____ around itself.
5. A butterfly with _____ comes out.

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