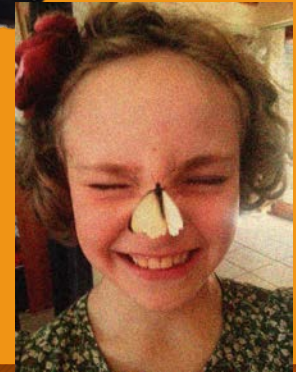


# The amazing lifecycle of Butterflies



# What kind of animal is a butterfly?



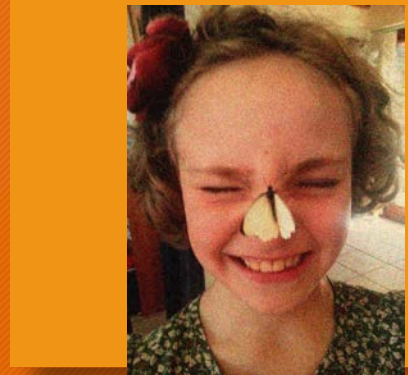
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kind of  
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A butterfly is an insect

# Insects have six legs, and are invertebrates

What does invertebrate mean?



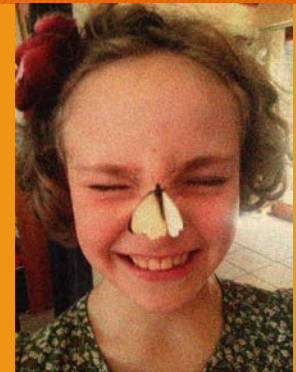
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I am an invertebrate



**Invertebrate** means 'has  
no backbone or spine'



**Metamorphosis is the process  
by which a caterpillar becomes**

**a**

**Butterfly**



**The word metamorphosis comes from  
the Greek language and means ‘change’  
or ‘transform’**

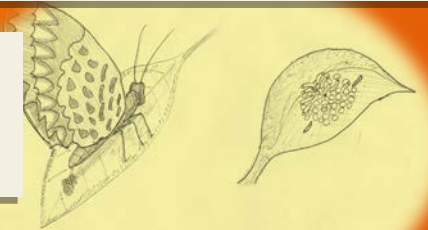
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**5.** The larva hatches out as a metamorphosed butterfly. The butterfly flies off to find a mate and the cycle begins again



**1.** The female butterfly lays her eggs



**2.** The eggs hatch into tiny caterpillars

**4.** When it has grown big enough the caterpillar (or larva) turns into a pupa in its cocoon, and then transforms (by metamorphosis) into a butterfly



**3.** The baby caterpillars eat and eat so they can grow bigger fast

The caterpillar goes through metamorphosis in its cocoon



*Monarch caterpillar and its cocoon*

A **MONARCH** is another word for a king or queen.  
This caterpillar is called a **monarch caterpillar** because the chrysalis has a gold ring like a crown.

The end

