



Butterflies — Beautiful Wings in the Garden

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A butterfly is a small **insect** with big, **beautiful** wings. You can see many butterflies in a **garden** on a warm, sunny day. A butterfly has four wings full of color. When it opens its wings, it looks like a tiny flying picture. People all over the world love to watch butterflies **fly** from **flower** to flower.

A butterfly does not start life with wings. First, the mother butterfly lays a tiny **egg** on a green leaf. Soon a little caterpillar comes out of the egg. The caterpillar eats leaves all day and starts to **grow**. It gets bigger and bigger every day.

Then something amazing happens. The caterpillar makes a hard case around its body and goes to sleep inside. While it sleeps, its body begins to **change**. After a few weeks, the case opens. A new butterfly comes out, and now it has wings! This big change from caterpillar to butterfly is one of nature's best tricks.

A butterfly drinks sweet water from inside each **flower**. This food is called nectar. When the butterfly moves from **plant** to plant, it helps new flowers **grow**. In this way, butterflies help our gardens and farms.

Butterflies must also stay safe. Birds like to eat them, so a butterfly will **hide** in the leaves or sit very still. Its bright wings can also scare birds away. Butterflies are small, but they make the world more **beautiful**. We should plant flowers and take good care of them.

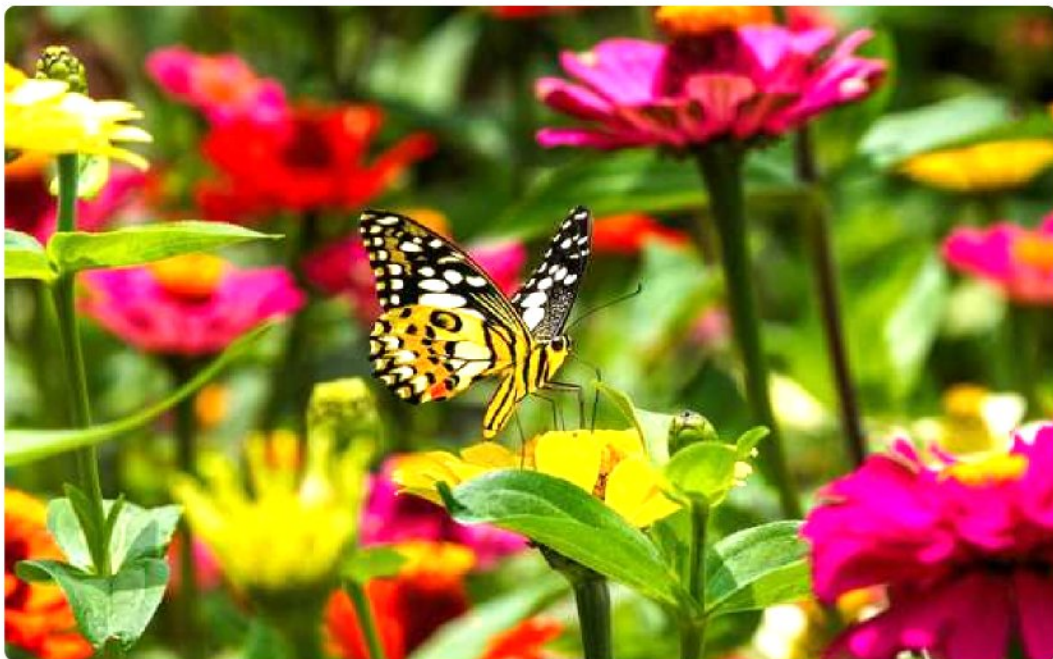
A. Vocabulary

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| 1. insect ____ | a. a round object that a baby animal grows inside before it is born |
| 2. beautiful ____ | b. to become different |
| 3. garden ____ | c. a living thing that grows in the ground, like a flower or tree |
| 4. fly ____ | d. a piece of land where flowers and plants are grown |
| 5. flower ____ | e. to go where others cannot see you |
| 6. egg ____ | f. the colorful part of a plant that makes seeds |
| 7. grow ____ | g. to get bigger over time |
| 8. change ____ | h. a small animal with six legs and usually wings, like a butterfly or bee |
| 9. plant ____ | i. very nice to look at |
| 10. hide ____ | j. to move through the air using wings |



B. True or False

1. A butterfly is a kind of insect. ____
2. A butterfly is born with big wings already. ____
3. A caterpillar comes out of a tiny egg. ____
4. A caterpillar eats leaves and grows bigger. ____
5. A caterpillar changes into a butterfly inside a hard case. ____
6. Butterflies drink sweet nectar from flowers. ____
7. Butterflies never help plants or gardens. ____
8. Birds like to eat butterflies. ____
9. A butterfly can hide in leaves to stay safe. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: insect, egg, grow, change, hide

1. A butterfly is a small _____ with beautiful wings.
2. A mother butterfly lays a tiny _____ on a leaf.
3. The caterpillar eats leaves and starts to _____.

4. Inside a hard case, the caterpillar's body begins to _____.
5. To stay safe from birds, a butterfly can _____ in the leaves.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does a butterfly look like?
2. Where does a baby caterpillar come from?
3. What happens to the caterpillar inside its hard case?
4. How do butterflies help gardens and farms?
5. What can a butterfly do to stay safe from birds?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a butterfly? What colors were its wings?
2. Why do you think many people love butterflies?
3. How can we help butterflies in our own gardens?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-h, 2-i, 3-d, 4-j, 5-f, 6-a, 7-g, 8-b, 9-c, 10-e

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-insect, 2-egg, 3-grow, 4-change, 5-hide

D. Comprehension:

1. A butterfly is a small insect with four big, beautiful wings full of color. When it opens its wings, it looks like a tiny flying picture.
2. A baby caterpillar comes out of a tiny egg that the mother butterfly lays on a green leaf.
3. Inside its hard case, the caterpillar goes to sleep and its body slowly changes. After a few weeks the case opens and a new butterfly with wings comes out.
4. When a butterfly moves from plant to plant to drink nectar, it helps new flowers grow, which helps our gardens and farms.
5. To stay safe, a butterfly can hide in the leaves, sit very still, or use its bright wings to scare birds away.

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