

My colorful wings

Did you know that butterflies are insects? We have six legs, two long antennae, two large eyes, a long tongue in the shape of a rolled up tube and four large wings. But we're not like other bugs: Many of us have our wings decorated with lovely colors, with spots, stripes and very pretty designs. We use these colors to recognize one another in the countryside. Other butterflies have darker colored wings, brown and grey. This enables them to blend in with the plants and escape from danger.



A very hungry caterpillar

The little maggot that hatches from the egg is the second stage or phase in the life cycle. The correct name for this little maggot is caterpillar, or you can also call it a larva. A caterpillar has an elongated soft body, and a head like a hard helmet. It has six little true legs and several false legs behind these, which end in sticky pads. The eyes are very small and have poor sight. Its jaws are powerful and it uses them to devour leaves and plants. Caterpillars spend most of the day eating, eating, eating... and also “doing lots of little poops!”



Be careful with my scales!

Have you had a look at my wings?
What lovely colors they bear! They are
covered with thousands and thousands
of tiny scales. They are very delicate:
If you touch my wings, these scales will

fall off and stain your fingers. The colors
that some butterflies can achieve with
these scales are amazing, especially in
tropical countries. Please, never touch my
wings; I don't want them to lose their color!

