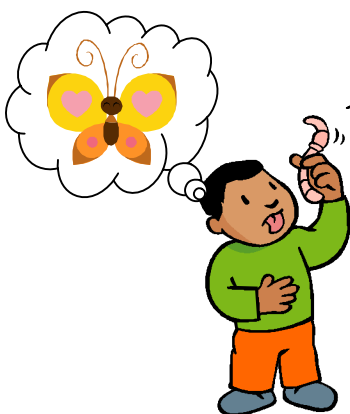


# Does a BUTTERFLY really come from a worm?



A **butterfly** is a butterfly, even from its very beginning – from an egg, to a caterpillar, to a chrysalis, finally to an adult. An adult butterfly can live up to nine months (if it does not meet an accident).

**No, it doesn't. A butterfly comes from a caterpillar. It starts its life as an egg. A very small caterpillar is hatched from the egg. Its only job is to eat. So it grows quite fast! Unfortunately, its skin cannot grow with it. So it has to molt to remove the old skin. The caterpillar becomes a pupa or chrysalis after the fifth molting. Inside the pupa, the caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly.**



**Do caterpillars eat all types of plants?**



Butterfly caterpillars are picky eaters! They don't eat all types of plants. Some caterpillars eat only one type of plant, or a group of closely related plants (like cousins). So, the female butterfly has to choose carefully where to lay her eggs.

## Did you know...?

Caterpillars and worms are not the same. Caterpillars move around on three pairs of legs, while worms have no limbs at all. Worms move around by contracting their segments.

