A butterfly goes through four stages in their life cycle. Study the stages below and then label each photo with the correct stage. Page 2 shows the progression as a whole!

Butterflies start as **eggs on leaves** and hatch into **caterpillars**. They eat and eat until they are ready to undergo their transformation. As part of this process they shed their skin (called an exoskeleton) and form a **cocoon or chrysalis**. When the necessary changes inside the cocoon have all taken place, the insect will emerge as a **butterfly**. The wings are at first closed and together, but blood begins to pump and within a couple of hours the butterfly is ready to fly!

---

**Environment: Life Cycle Of A Butterfly Printable**

stage:  
stage:  
stage:  
stage:
A butterfly goes through four stages in their life cycle. Look at the stages below and imagine the transformation happening right before your eyes!