

Unit 3, Story 5 **I'm a Caterpillar**

How does a caterpillar grow and change?

I'm a caterpillar. Munch. Crunch.

I'm getting bigger! Munch. Crunch.

Munch. Crunch. Munch. Crunch.

That's it. No more food. I'm done.

It's time to hang from a stem.

I wait, and wait, and wait.

I shiver. I twist. I split my skin.

My old skin falls away.

I am soft inside. I am a pupa.

I grow a shell to protect the pupa.

I am now a chrysalis.

I keep changing. Soon I'll come out.

What will I be? **A butterfly!**

Push. Crack. Wow! I'm free!

My wings are all wet.

My wings dry off. They unfold.

Flap. Flap. Hey! I can fly! Ta-da!

I visit flowers. I drink nectar. Yum!

My mouth is like a straw. Sip. Sip. Sip.

I have a mate. We visit many flowers.

We're not afraid of birds.

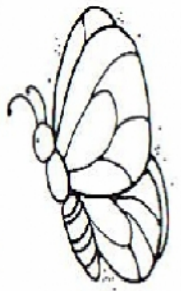
They know that we taste awful.

Soon I will lay my eggs.

The eggs have thin shells.

Baby caterpillars crawl out.

Hi! I'm a caterpillar. Munch. Crunch.



What will happen to me next?

Do you know?

