

Reading Comprehension: Fun Facts (Grades 1–2)

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Read the passage, then circle the best answer for each question.

Butterflies start life as tiny eggs. The eggs hatch into caterpillars. Caterpillars eat lots of leaves to grow big. Then each caterpillar's skin turns into a hard shell called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, something amazing happens. The caterpillar slowly changes. After a few weeks, a beautiful butterfly comes out! The butterfly dries its wings and then flies away. This change is called metamorphosis.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - (A) How eggs stay warm
 - (B) Why caterpillars eat leaves
 - (C) Where butterflies like to fly
 - (D) How a butterfly grows and changes

2. What is the caterpillar's hard shell called?
 - (A) A leaf
 - (B) A web
 - (C) A chrysalis
 - (D) A nest

- 3.** What does the word 'hatch' mean in the passage?
- (A) Fly away
 - (B) Break open and come out
 - (C) Grow bigger
 - (D) Wrap up tightly
- 4.** Why do caterpillars eat lots of leaves?
- (A) To grow big
 - (B) To make a chrysalis
 - (C) To find eggs
 - (D) To dry their wings
- 5.** What can you figure out about a butterfly's wings when it first comes out of the chrysalis?
- (A) They are already dry and ready to use
 - (B) They need time to dry before the butterfly can fly
 - (C) They are too small to ever grow
 - (D) They fall off right away

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