

Monarch's Big Change

Read how one animal grows through a life cycle.

2.4.a "animals have life cycles; and"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the four different stages in the monarch butterfly's life cycle. Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 above the stages to show their order.

A Monarch Butterfly Grows

- ① On a warm morning, a monarch butterfly lays tiny eggs on a milkweed leaf. After several days, an egg opens. A small caterpillar comes out. The caterpillar eats milkweed leaves and grows quickly.
- ② As the caterpillar grows, it sheds its old skin. Then it hangs from a branch or leaf and forms a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, its body changes. This stage is called a pupa.
- ③ Later, an adult monarch butterfly comes out of the chrysalis. Its wings dry before it flies. The adult drinks nectar from flowers. It can lay eggs, so a new butterfly life cycle can begin.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Write the monarch butterfly's four life cycle stages in order.

2 What does the caterpillar form before its body changes into a pupa?

3 How can an adult monarch butterfly begin a new life cycle?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a frog or another animal. Draw its life cycle in order in the three panels, and label each stage. Then write one sentence about a change the animal makes as it grows.

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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the four different stages in the monarch butterfly's life cycle. Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 above the stages to show their order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the monarch butterfly's four life cycle stages in order.	egg, caterpillar, pupa, adult butterfly
2	What does the caterpillar form before its body changes into a pupa?	a chrysalis
3	How can an adult monarch butterfly begin a new life cycle?	It can lay eggs.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: egg. Panel 2: tadpole. Panel 3: adult frog. The tadpole grows legs and becomes an adult frog. Accept the sequence egg, caterpillar, pupa or chrysalis, and adult butterfly. For Your Turn, accept any accurate animal life cycle shown in order, with labels and a correct growth change.