

Class: VI-VIII

**Butterfly: A Beautiful creature. Let's read about them.**

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1. Two butterflies are talking. One is little Titli and the other is aunt Nino. Little Titli has lost her mother and younger brother. Let's read:

Titli: Hello, aunt Nino! How are you?  
 Nino: I'm fine! How are you? You're looking sad. Is there anything wrong?  
 Titli: Yes. You are right. I'm looking for my mom and younger brother and can't find them. I am worried about them. Have you seen them aunt Nino?  
 Nino: Yes. I did. I saw them near your house in the morning. Your younger brother was with her. They were happy and flying under the bright sun.  
 Titli: Wo..wo...wo.. !  
 Nino: What happened dear? Why are you crying?  
 Titli: My home is no more there aunt Nino. A group of people came and cut down the tree and my home....wo...wo..wo !  
 Nino: Oh no..... It's very sad.  
 Titli: Wo.....wo...wo... !  
 Nino: It's very bad. Human beings never understand our problems. They cut down trees, bushes and destroy our homes. It's very bad.  
 Titli: Where is my mom and where is my younger brother? I want to go back home. Wo..wo..wo !  
 Nino: Don't cry Titli. Let's go out. We'll definitely find your mom and brother.

2. Here a small butterfly is giving self-introduction. Let's read:

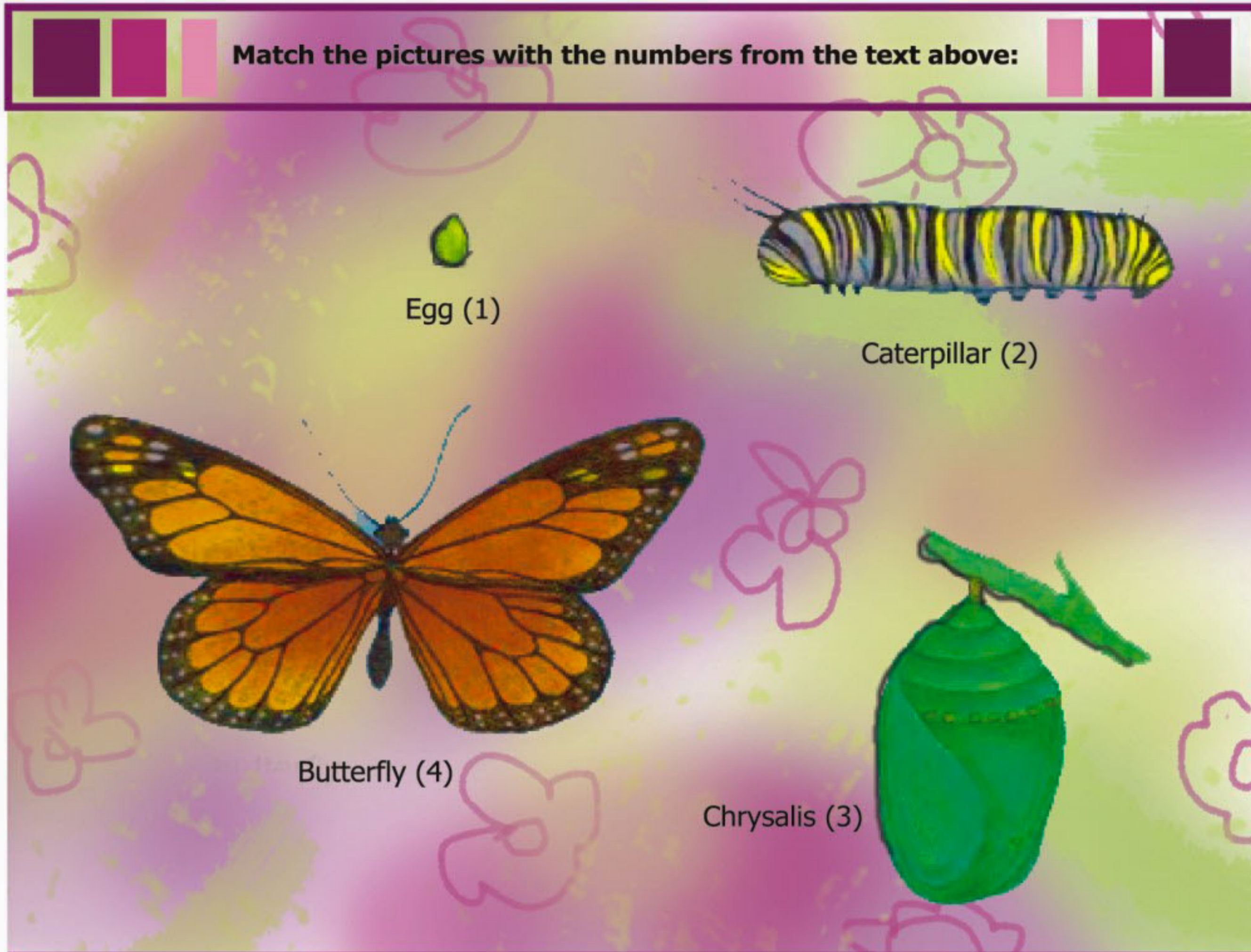
Hello everybody. I'm a small butterfly. I live in your garden.

I come out from an egg (1) as a caterpillar (2). I eat a lot during this time. I eat leaves and plants. Then, I make a hard shell around me. This shell is called chrysalis (3). Inside the chrysalis, I take rest for a while and turn into a butterfly (4). After some days, I come out from the chrysalis.

I fly in the garden and drink liquids from flowers and other sources (trees, fruits, bird-droppings, animal-dung, water from wet-sand). I have a very short life-span. I live only for a week to nearly a year. Some live only for three or four days.

There are about 12,000 to 15,000 types of butterflies in the world. You can find us everywhere in the world except Antarctica because we cannot live in such cold weather.

Match the pictures with the numbers from the text above:



Match phrases in column A with correct meanings in B:

A	B
1. Worry about	a. Chop down
2. Look for	b. Try to find
3. Roam around	c. Go here and there
4. Cut down	d. Anxious about
5. Go out	e. Leave

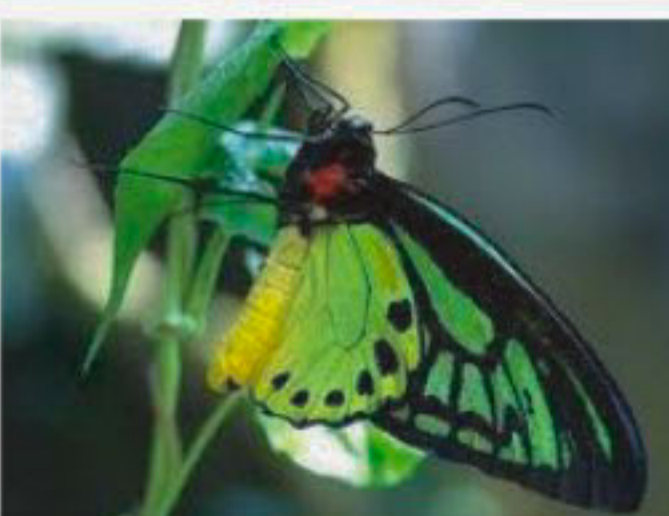
Answer Key: 1+d; 2+c; 3+c; 4+a; 5+e

4. Smallest butterfly: Western Pygmy Blue



The smallest butterfly in the world is called "Western Pigmy blue". You can see this butterfly in southern USA. It can be seen all year long but it is most often seen in early July through September during the warm weather. It has a wing-span measuring only 1.2 to 2 centimeters or 1/2 to 3/4 inch.

5. Biggest butterfly: Queen Alexandra



The biggest butterfly in the world is called "Queen Alexandra". It has very big wings, almost 28 centimeters or 12 inches. You can see it in northern Papua New Guinea.

3. Make sentences from the table. Follow the arrows:

A	B
Some people believe that	butterfly brings good luck.
	butterfly is god of marriage.
	butterfly symbolizes joy and happiness.
	butterfly takes souls of dead people.
	butterfly carries the wishes to heaven to be granted.
	butterfly forecasts the weather.
	butterfly brings dreams to us in our sleep.

6. Poisonous Butterfly

Some butterflies such as the Monarch and Pipevine Swallowtail are poisonous. During the larva, or caterpillar stage, they eat poisonous plants and become poisonous as adults. So, birds do not eat them. This poison is called cardenolide and it is dangerous for the human heart.

There is an African moth, whose caterpillar's fluid is very poisonous. People use this poison on the tips of their arrows to hunt animals. Other butterflies are not poisonous.

- Do you have butterflies in your area? Observe them.
- Do you know anything interesting about butterflies?

You can write to us. EIS will publish your writing with your name.

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**Learning outcomes:** self-introduction, phrases and using simple present tense.

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## Overloading is an inevitable risk...

It is always important to reach destination timely and safely. However, we should never be in hurry or go in haste. We should be wise and think of the risks if we hurry, if we overload.

Let's not endanger our life with risk

