

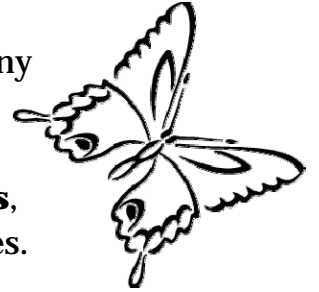
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## Finding the Main Idea

Read the paragraph below. Then, determine the main idea and four supporting details.

### Life Cycle of a Butterfly

When you see a butterfly, what is the first thing you look at? Many people concentrate on the beautiful colors or patterns on the butterfly's wings. But remember that butterflies are not born with beautiful wings. In fact, they go through what are known as **life cycles**, meaning their lives follow different steps for them to become butterflies.



**Step One: the egg.** Every butterfly begins its life as a tiny egg.

**Step Two: the larva.** You probably know this stage very well. Another name for the larva is caterpillar! The caterpillar hatches from the egg and immediately begins to eat things like leaves.

**Step Three: the pupa.** This is the stage where the caterpillar goes into what looks like a tight green sleeping bag. You may have seen one of these hanging on a branch before. This is where the caterpillar goes before the final step.

**Step Four: adult.** Also known as the beautiful butterfly! The butterfly emerges from the pupa and stretches out its wings before it takes off for flight!

Complete the figure below with the main idea and four supporting ideas from the text.

