

Butterflies and moths

**Butterflies and moths have six legs.
They are insects.**

Butterflies have knobs on the end of their feelers. Moths have feelers that look like feathers.

Butterflies rest with their wings together. Moths rest with their wings apart.

**Butterflies come out during the day.
Moths come out at night.**

Butterflies and moths start life as tiny eggs. Caterpillars hatch from the eggs. The eggs are on a leaf.

The caterpillars eat the leaves and grow bigger.

When it is big enough the caterpillar hangs upside down from the leaf and makes a hard case around its body. This is a cocoon.

Inside the cocoon the caterpillar's body changes to become a butterfly or moth.

After about six days the case splits open and the butterfly pulls itself out.

The butterfly holds its wings out to dry in the sun.

The butterfly flies away. Soon she will lay eggs on a leaf and some new baby caterpillars will hatch.

Words to learn:

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cocoon

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