

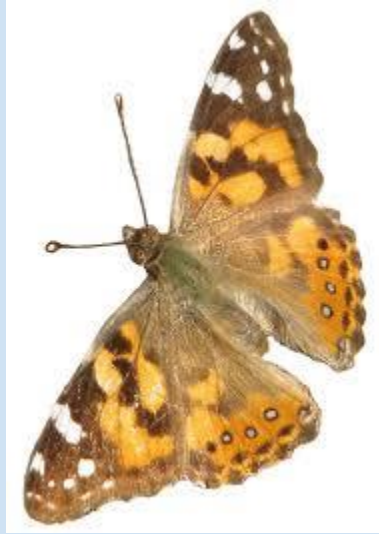


Painted Lady Butterfly

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Is a painted lady living or nonliving?



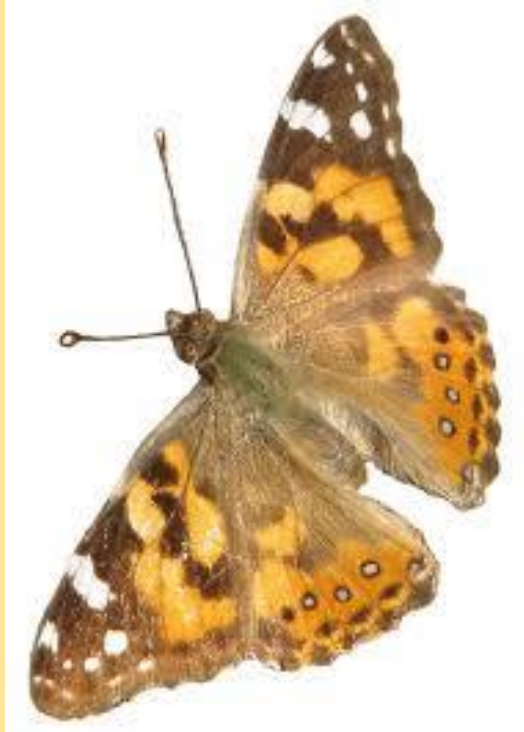
How do you know?

Is this rock living or nonliving?



Does it have needs?

What does the butterfly need?



Did we get them all?

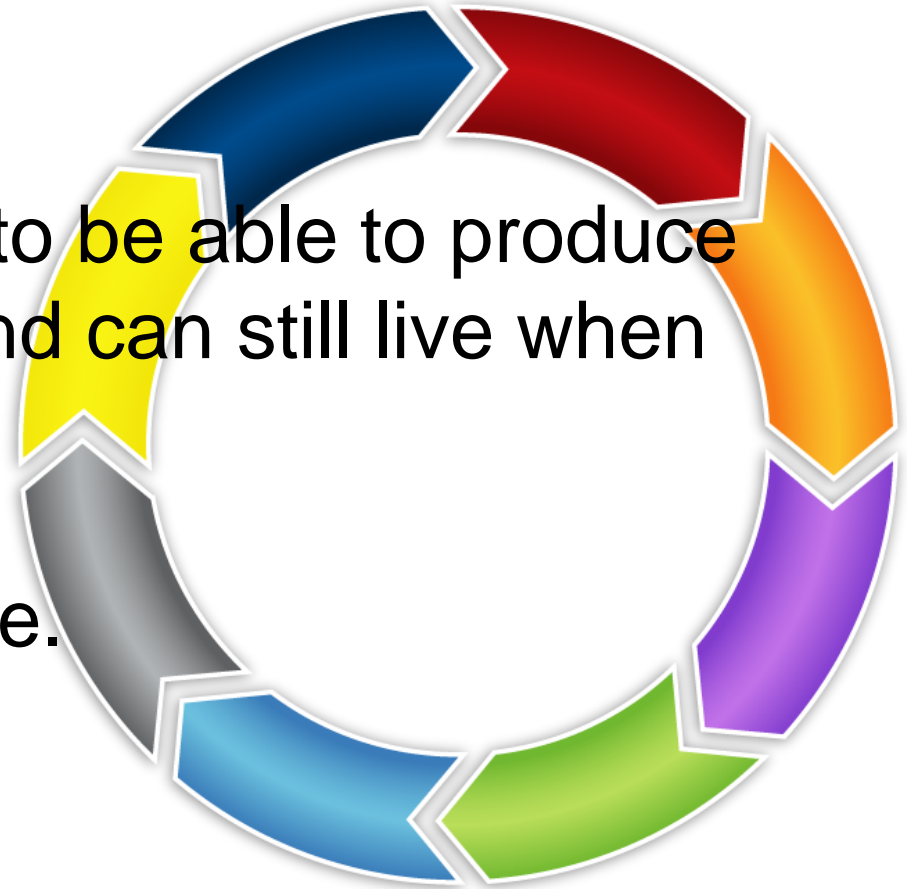
- .Air--tiny holes in lid, leave the lids on
- .Food--special food mixture
- .Protected space--plastic cup
- .Moisture--can dry out if lid not on securely.

Also mist around cage.

Living things die

All living things need to be able to produce young so that their kind can still live when individuals die.

We call this a life cycle.



Do you have a life cycle?



Do you

an infant?

Do you look like your parents?

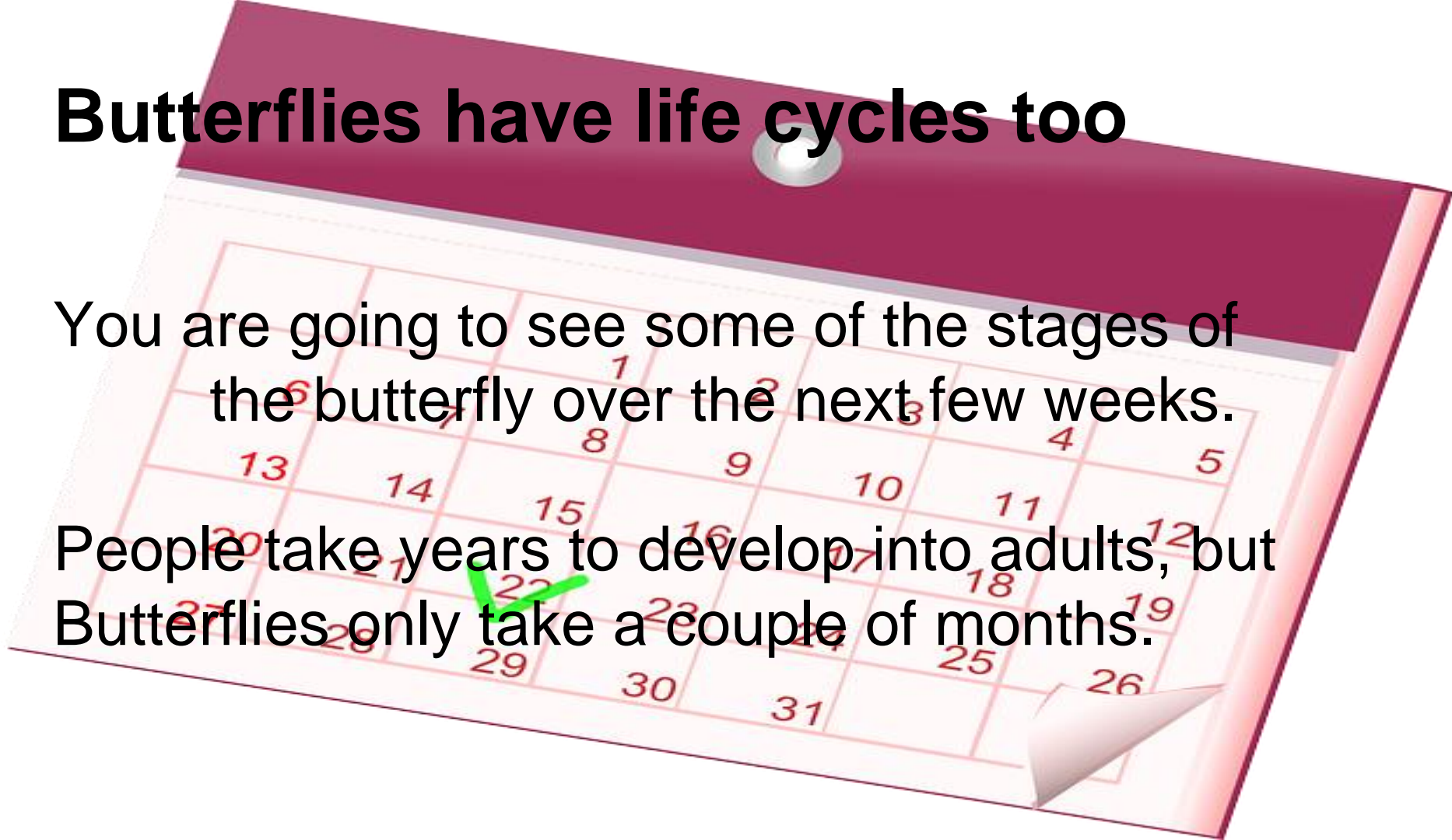
Will you ever be as tall as your parents?



Butterflies have life cycles too

You are going to see some of the stages of the butterfly over the next few weeks.

People take years to develop into adults, but Butterflies only take a couple of months.



Animals start life as an egg



Your caterpillars hatched from an egg. What will he do in this cup?



Eat, grow and poop!

You can be a scientist and record your caterpillar's growth on a special worksheet your teacher can download from Emily Ann web site.

Day 1

Put your caterpillar
in the box
and draw its length

Day _____

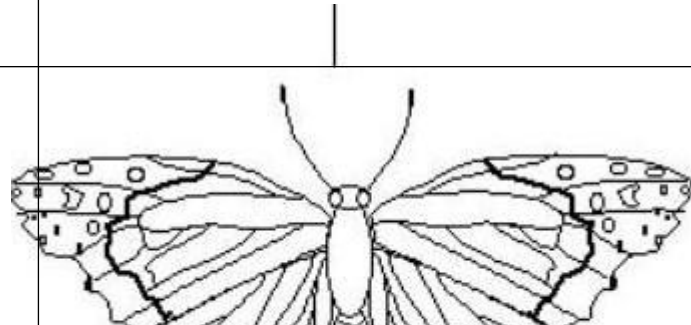
Day _____

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Day _____

Chrysalis



Eggs

Your caterpillar will grow and grow



Until one day



It will become “J” shaped!

They usually
attach to the
lid.



Slowly it will form a hard covering

This is the

Chrysalis

Remember to mist
your Chrysalis



**A wonderful thing happens in the
chrysalis**



**The caterpillar
turns into an adult
butterfly**





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A close-up photograph of a butterfly with orange, black, and white wings feeding on a purple flower. The butterfly's proboscis is extended into the flower. The background is a solid green color.

Adults eat nectar and
fruit

proboscis

Do not mist the adult butterfly

They have
scales on
their wings



Painted Lady
(*Vanessa cardui*)



**Now let's reenact the butterfly
life cycle together**

