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### “All about Butterflies and Moths” Butterfly Pavilion Visit Activity

Use the words below and the knowledge you discover in the Butterfly Conservatory to fill in the blanks of the story.

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| cocoons | camouflage | caterpillar | chrysalis     |
| eggs    | host       | exoskeleton | metamorphosis |
| nectar  | proboscis  | scales      | warning       |

One beautiful, hot day, a butterfly flew around the bright flowers of the butterfly farm. The tiny \_\_\_\_\_ on her wings shimmered in the sunshine. She landed on a blossom and sucked-up \_\_\_\_\_ using her \_\_\_\_\_ like a straw. After leaving the flower, she landed on many more plants tasting each one with her feet. She was looking for just the right plant to lay her \_\_\_\_\_ on. She needed to find her \_\_\_\_\_ plant, the plant that her babies would eat when they hatched from their eggs. As she searched, a bird flew right by her. She didn't even look up. Most animals ignored her because her bright \_\_\_\_\_ coloration told them she tasted bad. Finally, she found the plant she was looking for. She laid one little egg under a leaf. The egg's shape and coloration helped to \_\_\_\_\_ it and hide it from predators. A tiny \_\_\_\_\_ hatched out of the egg about ten days later. The first thing it did was eat the egg case to absorb all its nutrients. For the next three weeks the caterpillar ate and ate and ate. Each time it grew, it molted or split out of its \_\_\_\_\_. When it got as big as it was going to get, it found a safe place and molted one last time. This time when its exoskeleton hardened it formed a \_\_\_\_\_. While the caterpillar was changing inside it, a butterfly farmer came along and gently collected the chrysalis. He packed it in a box with many other chrysalises' and \_\_\_\_\_ that silk moths had spun. He sent the box to the Butterfly Pavilion in the United States. There the butterflies and moths emerged completing their \_\_\_\_\_.

Draw the four stages of a butterfly or moth life cycle.

egg	larva (caterpillar)	pupa (chrysalis or cocoon)	adult

Draw your favorite butterfly or moth.

Draw a butterfly or moth with camouflage coloration.