LIFE CYCLES

Use the next two pages of this section to complete the task.

Using the library or the Internet, research the life cycle of a butterfly. Cut out the drawings of each stage from the last page of this activity sheet and stick them in order on the next page. Fill in the boxes below to label each stage.

During your research see if you can find the answers to these questions – add the facts to your diagram.

1. Where are butterfly eggs usually found? _____________________________

2. What shape are the eggs? _____________________________

3. What is the scientific name for a caterpillar? _____________________________

5. What happens to a caterpillar’s skin as it grows? _____________________________

6. What is metamorphosis? _____________________________

Using the library or the Internet, find the names of four butterflies that are endangered and are in the UK. Write them below.

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Choose one type of butterfly that lives in the UK and draw a detailed picture (you might need to look in an encyclopaedia or on the Internet).

Remember to take special notice of any markings and colours it has and label the parts if you can!

Ask your teacher for a separate piece of paper for this task.

TOP TIP
A good website to visit is www.butterfly-conservation.org

DID YOU KNOW?
Looking at the number and types of butterflies helps scientists to learn about many things, such as biodiversity and climate change.