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What Does a Caterpillar Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: Caterpillars need to eat a lot because they use the stored energy to transform into a butterfly or moth, which takes a lot of energy.
2. Example: If I were a caterpillar, I'd eat a tasty plant like milkweed because it looks soft and juicy.
3. Example: A caterpillar's diet gives it the nutrients and energy it needs to grow and transform into its next life stage.
4. Example: If a caterpillar couldn't find its host plant, it might not survive because it wouldn't have the right food to eat.

