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## The Incredible Life Cycle of a Caterpillar

### Short Answer Key

1. A host plant is where a butterfly or moth lays its eggs. It provides food for the caterpillars when they hatch.
2. During the larva stage, a caterpillar eats leaves and grows bigger, storing energy for metamorphosis.
3. The protective shell is called a chrysalis (for butterflies) or cocoon (for moths).
4. During metamorphosis, the caterpillar transforms completely into a butterfly or moth.
5. Adult butterflies or moths live for a few weeks to a few months, depending on the species.

