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## 5th Grade Reading Comprehension Practice Sheets

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

### The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

A butterfly's life is fascinating because it goes through several stages of transformation, called metamorphosis. A butterfly begins as an egg, often laid on the underside of a leaf. After a few days, the egg hatches, and out comes a caterpillar. This stage is called the larva stage, where the caterpillar's main goal is to eat and grow.

Once it has grown enough, the caterpillar forms a chrysalis, or pupa, where it undergoes a remarkable transformation. Inside the chrysalis, its body changes completely. After a period of time, the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis as an adult, with wings that need to dry before it can fly. This entire process from egg to butterfly is one of nature's most amazing transformations.

### Questions:

1. What is the first stage of a butterfly's life cycle?
  - (a) Caterpillar
  - (b) Egg
  - (c) Chrysalis
2. What does the caterpillar do during the larva stage?
  - (a) It flies around.
  - (b) It eats and grows.
  - (c) It forms a chrysalis.
3. What is the purpose of the chrysalis stage?
  - (a) For the butterfly to lay eggs.
  - (b) For the caterpillar to transform into a butterfly.
  - (c) For the caterpillar to rest.
4. What does a butterfly do immediately after emerging from the chrysalis?
  - (a) It lays eggs.
  - (b) It flies away.
  - (c) It lets its wings dry.
5. What is metamorphosis?

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