

In this uncertain time we want to provide teachers and parents with resources for at home learning. In this blog we will share ideas for using the resources at home with parents and for teachers to assign in their online learning environments.

Before watching

Ask learners to brainstorm what they know already about butterflies. They can draw or write their thoughts, or just share aloud. Then watch the video.

[Time lapse of caterpillars becoming butterflies.](#)

After watching

1. Ask kids to name the steps of metamorphosis. Use this [site](#) for pictures and names of stages.
2. Have learners look around the house for items that look like the steps of the butterfly life cycle.
 - a. What looks like the egg? Some ideas could be a popcorn kernel, a q-tip end, a dried bean, piece of orzo, an M&M
 - b. What looks like a caterpillar? A stretched out cotton ball, a piece of yarn, a single Rigatoni pasta, a twizzler
 - c. What looks like the chrysalis? A piece of clay rolled up, a Gnocchi or Conchiglie pasta, a Tootsie Roll
 - d. What looks like a butterfly? A piece of tissue paper with a paperclip center, a Farfalle pasta, a gummy butterfly
3. Create a life cycle and discuss the changes.
4. Watch it live with the [Florida Museum Chrysalis Cam](#)

Follow up with Eric Carle reading his book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*:
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/8fy3>

[Online game for butterfly stages](#)

Pasta types

