

Can you tell the difference between baby insects and creatures from outer space?

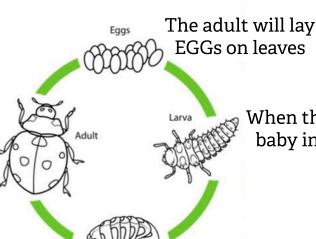


What is a life cycle?

All animals have a life cycle. This is how an animal gets from being a baby to an adult. At different points in the life cycle the animal will grow in different ways.

The life cycle of an insect

In its resting stage the pupa will start to grow completely new body parts. When all the growing is done, it comes out from its case as an adult.



When the egg hatches the baby insect is known as LARVA



When the LARVA has eaten all it can it goes into a resting phase. Now it is called PUPA and it rests in a chrysalis or another kind of case

Download more about life cycles on our website!





Now you have learnt a little about insect life cycles. Can you take on our quiz challenge?

In the Larva stage insects look weird and wonderful.

Lots of them have changed their bodies in order to help them survive where they live. This means some of them look so strange they could even be from outer space!

Can you guess which of these photos are insect LARVA and which are ALIENS!?



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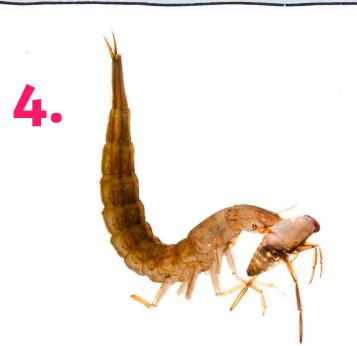




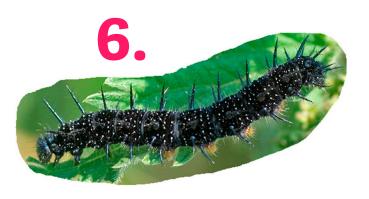




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1. Larva!

2. Larva!

7 spot ladybird larva





Moth (adult)





7 spot ladybird adult





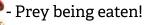
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3. Alien!





Water beetle (larva)



Water beetle (adult)



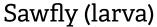


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5. Alien!



6. Larva!





Sawfly (adult)





7. Larva!

Peacock caterpillar (larva)



Peacock butterfly (adult)



How did you do?

Now have a look round your garden and see if you can spot any of your own alien impersonators!