



Butterfly Life Cycle





This butterfly is laying eggs on parsley.

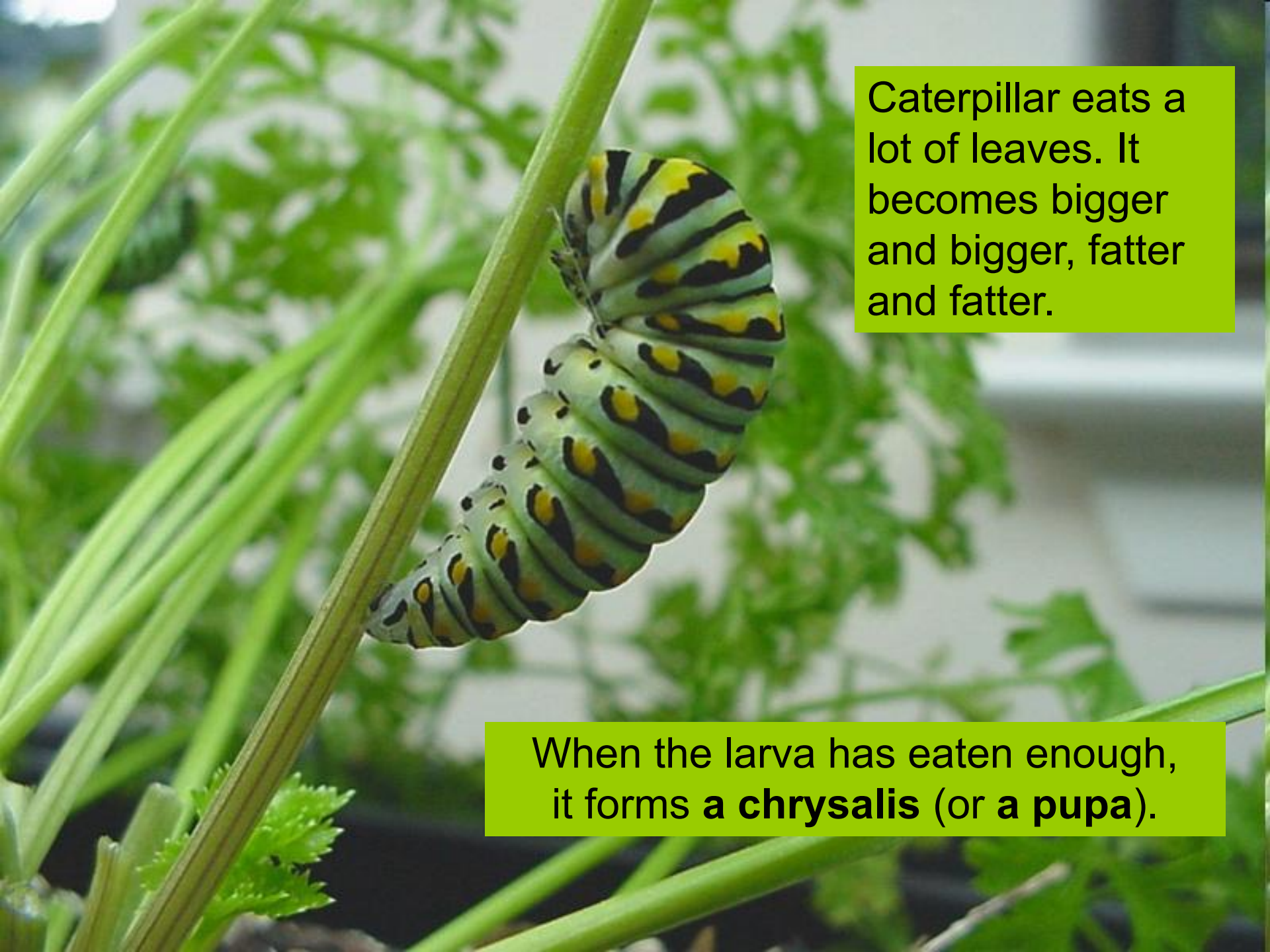
Look! It is a parsley worm.

A larva, or a caterpillar, is multi-legged eating machine.



It eats all day long. It crunches and munches.

...crunch...crunch...crunch...It's yummy!
...munch...munch...munch...It's tasty!



Caterpillar eats a lot of leaves. It becomes bigger and bigger, fatter and fatter.

When the larva has eaten enough, it forms a **chrysalis** (or a **pupa**).



This chrysalis is only one day old.

And how old is this chrysalis?

And this chrysalis is already ten days old.

But what is inside this pupa? A caterpillar?

No! It isn't a caterpillar yet! It is already a ..

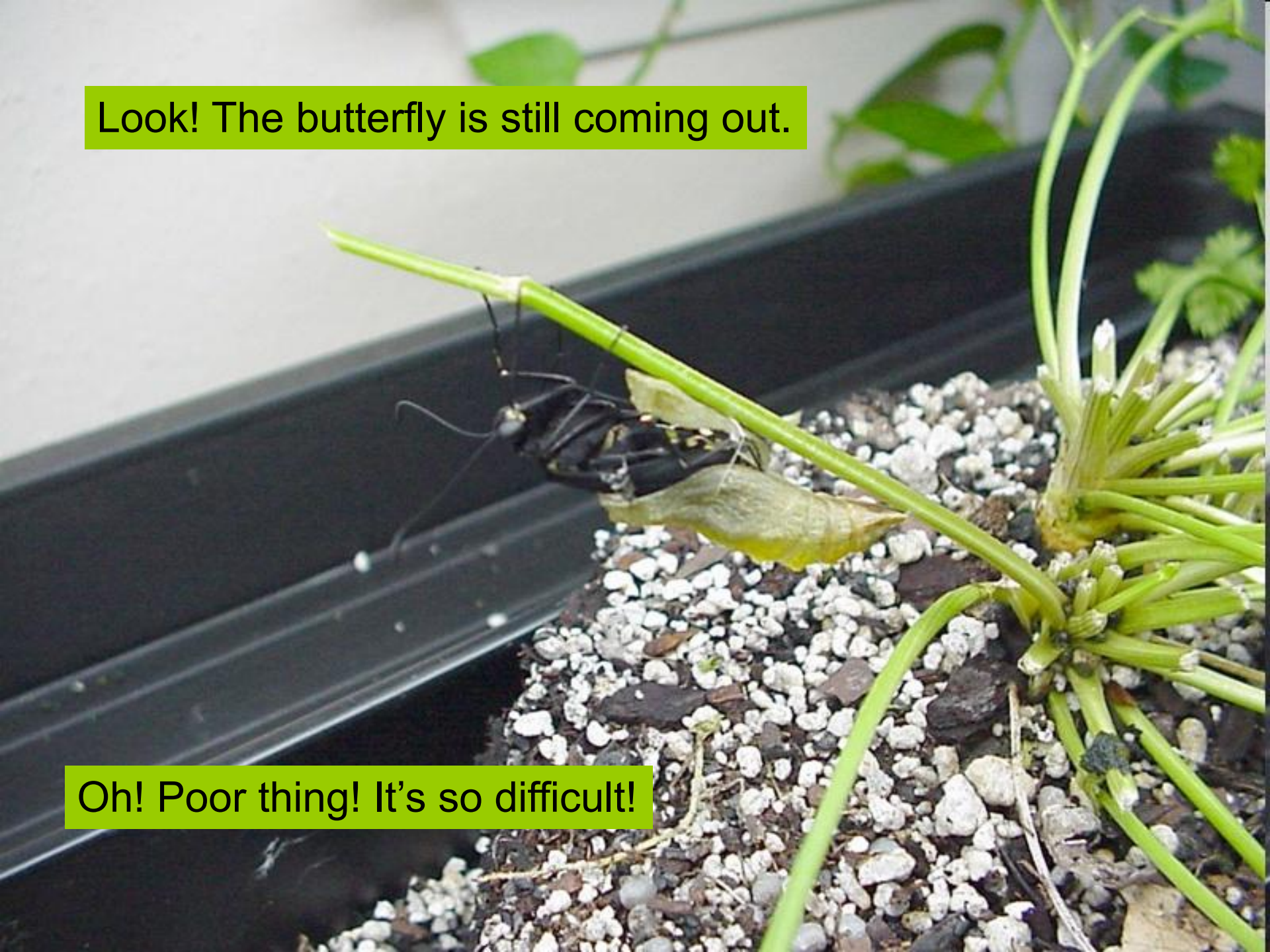




Look! A butterfly is **emerging from a chrysalis.**
Look! It's **coming out!**

Look! The butterfly is still coming out.

Oh! Poor thing! It's so difficult!



Oh, yes! It's free! The butterfly is outside! It is lucky!



But a lot of butterflies die because they are not strong enough to come out!



It becomes stronger and stronger! Its wings become straight!

A close-up photograph of a butterfly perched on a green leaf. The butterfly has black wings with a row of yellow spots along the inner edge and a blue patch on the lower part of the wing. The background is a soft-focus green foliage.

Now it is ready to fly!

What a beautiful butterfly!

Fly, please, fly! I want to see your flying!

to lay eggs
to become a ...
to turn into a ...
to eat
to make a ...
to come out from a ...
to fly away

The four stages in the lifecycle of a butterfly:



A larva, known as a caterpillar



A pupa (or a chrysalis)



An adult butterfly

Lets read some poems about butterflies.



- It's a little butterfly,
Let it fly, let it fly,
Fly away into the sky.


- OK!
Fly, my dear butterfly, fly!
High, in the blue, blue sky!
But please, say to me 'Goodbye!'

Fly, little butterfly, fly,
Fly into the blue sky.
One, two, three –
You are free.



Butterfly, butterfly,
Where do you fly,
So quick and so high
In the blue, blue sky?





Oh!
What is there? Do
you see it too? It is
something yummy!

No, no, no! You don't
see me!... It's a
mirage!... Believe
me! I'm just a little
twig! I'm not tasty!

**Now you know some interesting facts about
butterflies!**



See you!

Goodbye!

