

A butterfly flits
from leaf to leaf.



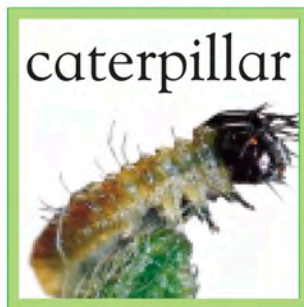
On each little leaf
she lays one or two eggs.
She squeezes the eggs
out of her body.
The outside of each egg
is covered with a shell.



shell



A caterpillar grows
Inside each egg.
Soon one is ready
to hatch.



She bites through the shell
with her strong, sharp jaws.
She munches the leaves
around her.



The butterfly flits
from flower to flower.
She sucks up the sweet nectar
with her long, hollow tongue.
When she is not eating,
her tongue is curled
like a spring.

