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## Butterfly

A monarch butterfly flutters toward a flower.

It has a small black body and big orange wings.

Butterflies are **insects**.





A butterfly starts life inside a tiny egg.

An egg forms when male and female butterflies **mate**.

After mating, the female lays an egg on a

milkweed plant.



The egg is only about the size of the head of a pin.

enlarged

Male butterflies
have two black
dots on their wings.
Females don't have
these dots.



black dots

egg