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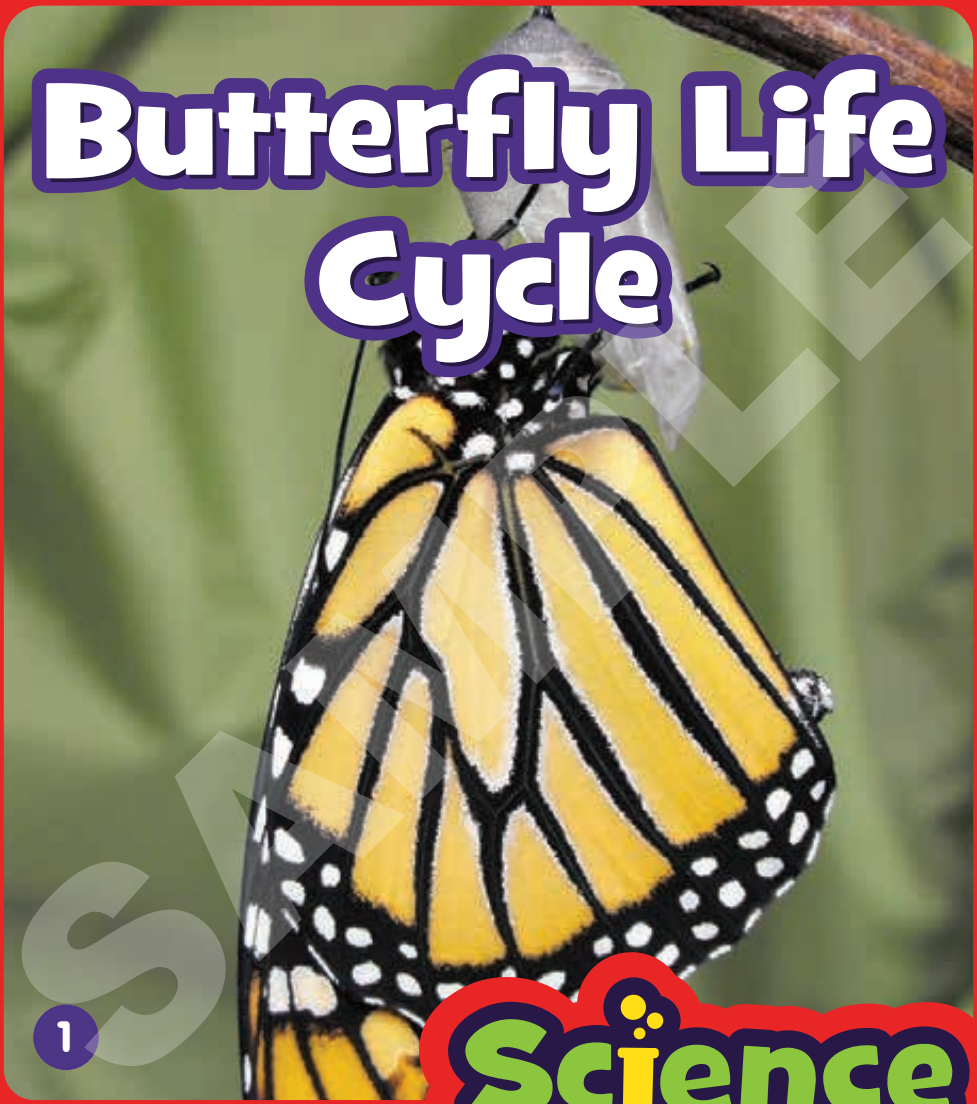

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Suffixes

-s	-es	-ing	-ed	-ful	-er	-est
-en	-y	-ly				

Words

cycle

metamorphosis

chrysalis

caterpillars

Teachers Notes

These readers have been written with rich vocabulary including embedded words that contain suffixes. Discuss the use of suffixes for changing the meaning of words and the spelling rules applied. The text consolidates earlier taught phonics skills and tricky words.

Content and Thinking Skills

Exploring the stages of metamorphosis in a living animal. Learning about the fascinating life cycle of butterflies.

Building Science Background

Through this text, children will begin to learn about metamorphosis as a process that some animals go through to become fully grown adults. Children will find out about each stage of a butterfly's metamorphosis: from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly.

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Do you like butterflies? Did you know that butterflies start their life as a caterpillar?

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To begin, the female butterfly lays her eggs on a leaf or on the stem of a plant.

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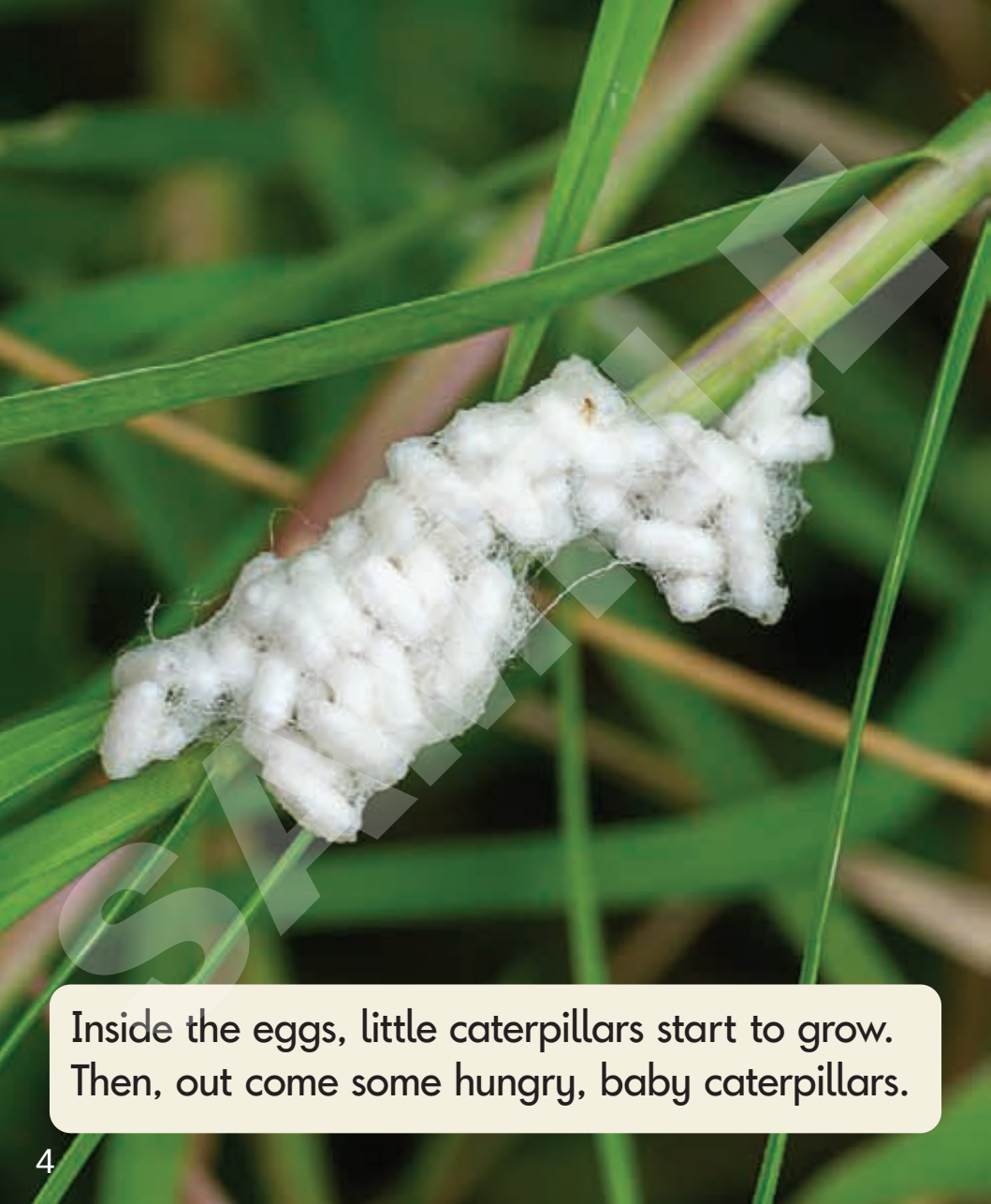

Inside the eggs, little caterpillars start to grow. Then, out come some hungry, baby caterpillars.

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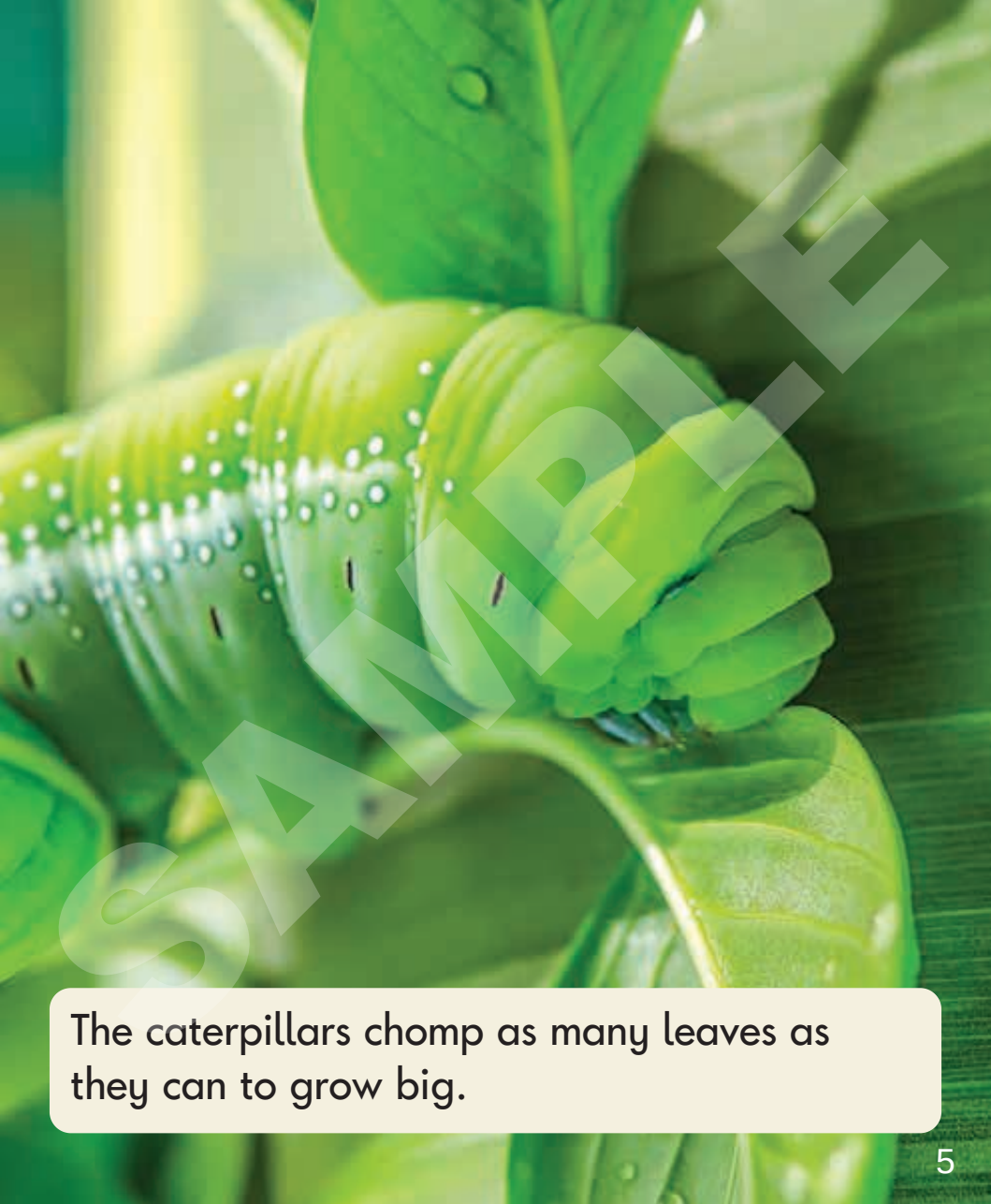

The caterpillars chomp as many leaves as they can to grow big.

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Caterpillars grow quickly. They shed their skin as it gets too tight. The caterpillar forms a pupa (or a chrysalis).

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Once the butterfly is grown, the pupa skin splits open and the butterfly dries its wings. The butterfly will fly off in search of flowers to feed on.

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The butterfly will look for a mate and then the female butterfly lays the eggs. The butterfly life cycle starts over again.

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