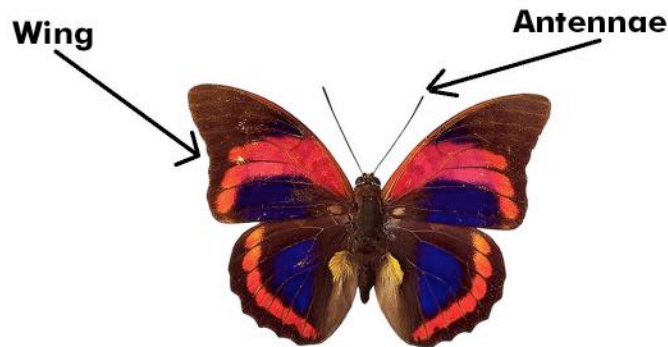


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The Beautiful Butterfly



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Butterflies come in many different colors and sizes. The world's smallest butterfly, *The Blue Pygmy*, has a wingspan the size of a nickel. The world's biggest butterfly, *Queen Alexandra's Birdwing*, has a wingspan of 12 inches!

When you see a butterfly, you must enjoy the moment. The lifespan of most butterflies is only 20 to 40 days. Some butterflies only live for three to four days.

A butterfly starts out as an egg and grows into a caterpillar. The caterpillar then forms a hard shell called a chrysalis. Inside of the chrysalis, the caterpillar turns into a butterfly.

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