

National Geographic Kids Reader: Flutter, Butterfly!

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book with your child, look at the front cover and talk about what you can see in the picture. Discuss any prior knowledge your child has about butterflies and caterpillars, remembering any sightings of caterpillars and butterflies, or other books that you have looked at.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, showing your interest in the butterfly's life cycle.
 - Help with unfamiliar words and practise reading and saying new vocabulary, e.g. *pupa* aloud.
 - Encourage them to sound out words. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
 - Encourage them to use the pictures and think about what word would make sense.
 - If your child gets stuck, read the book together, so that they don't lose their confidence.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement as they tackle new words.
- This book has butterfly life cycle information. Help your child to recount the life cycle using the information on page 22 and 23.
- Discuss what happens in the butterfly life cycle. Focus on a small section, such as how the caterpillar hatches from the egg, developing spoken language. Help them to explain their ideas, looking closely at the pictures and words.