



Grizzled Skipper - A Life Cycle

The grizzled skipper is a small butterfly that can be seen on the Common.
Cut out the pictures and match them to the sentences.

An egg is laid on a leaf

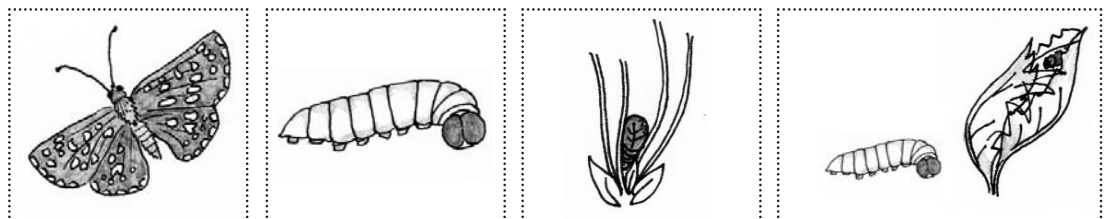


The caterpillar makes a tent in a leaf.

The caterpillar grows bigger.

The caterpillar turns into a chrysalis in
the grass.

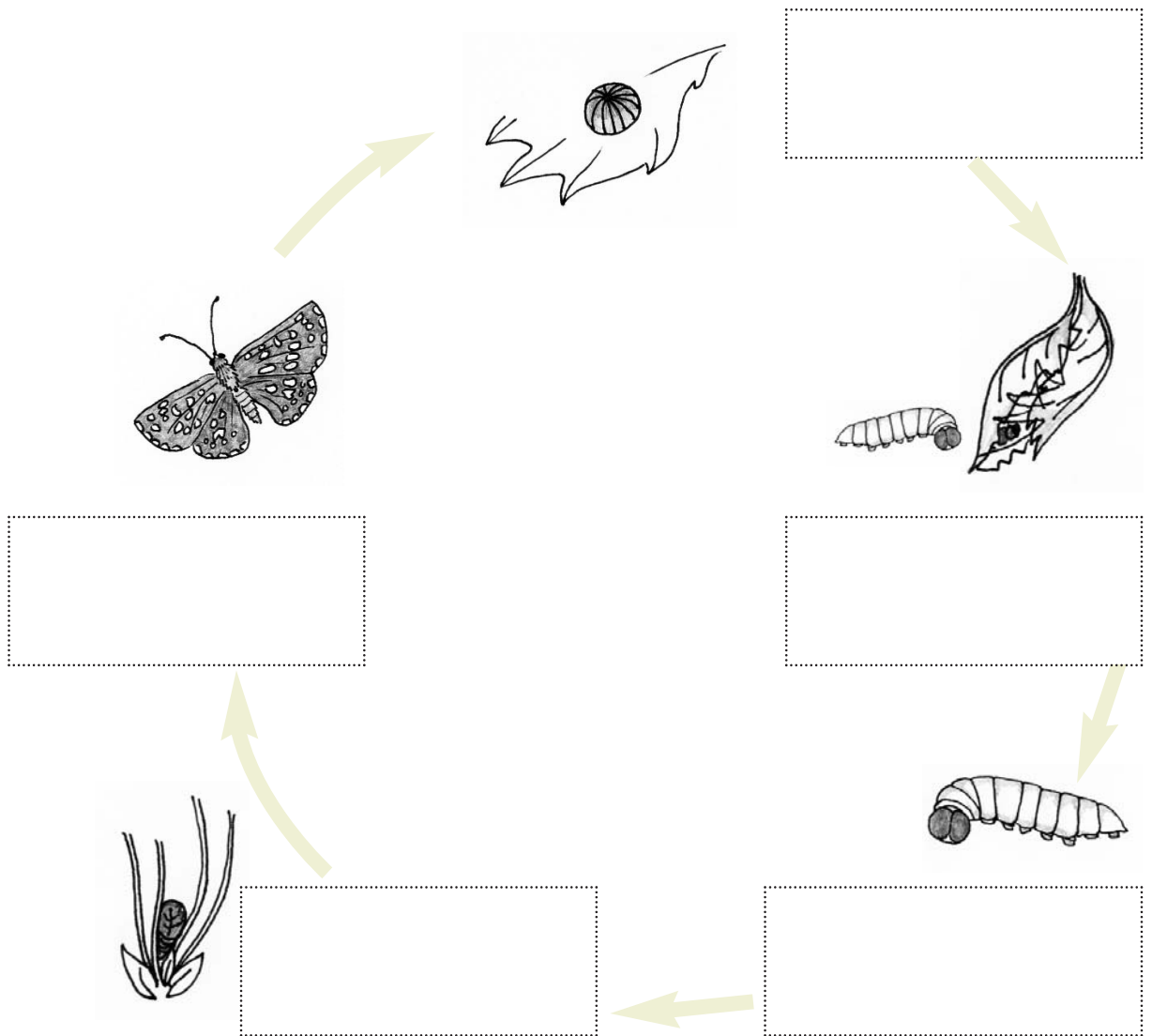
A butterfly hatches out!





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Cut out the sentences that describe the life cycle of the grizzled skipper.
Then, stick them in the correct place on the diagram.



A single egg is laid on the top of a leaf.

The caterpillar grows bigger.

The adult butterfly.

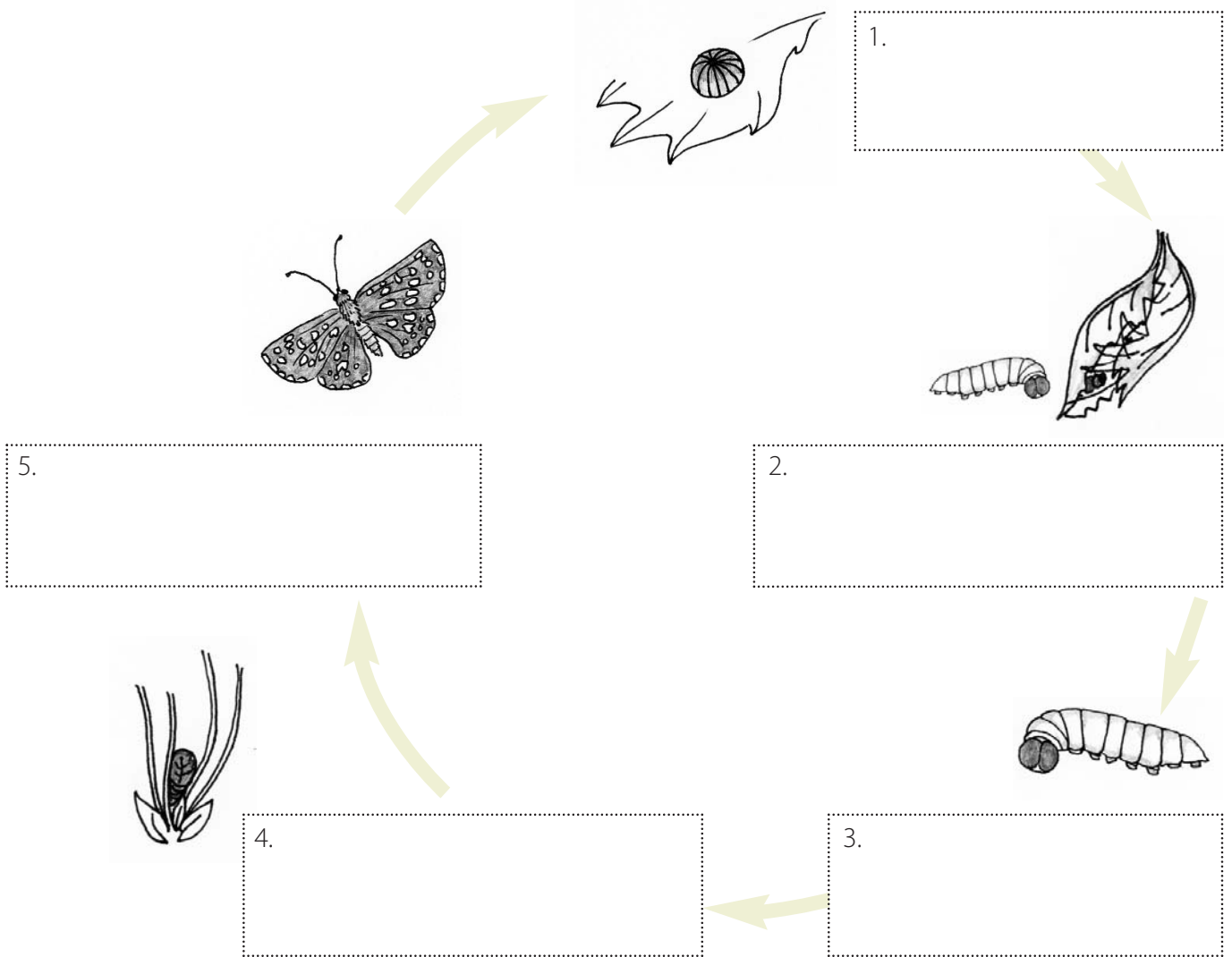
The caterpillar turns into a chrysalis at the base of grass plants. It spends the winter as a chrysalis.

The caterpillar hatches out and weaves leaves into a tent. It feeds inside.



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This information page about the grizzled skipper has not been finished. Read the information below and decide which to put in the boxes on the life cycle diagram. You will not have enough room to write everything, so choose carefully.



The grizzled skipper is a small brown and white butterfly. The adult lays a single egg on the upper side of a leaf. When the caterpillars hatch, they are very tiny and, to protect themselves from predators, they weave a web over a leaf and hide under it as they feed. As they get bigger, they weave two leaves together like a tent and hide inside this to feed. They grow larger, as they eat more and more leaves. The caterpillars then turn into a chrysalis at the base of some grass stems. The chrysalis stays there all winter and then hatches into an adult butterfly in May when the weather starts to warm up.