



*Reading  
activity 2*

# Metamorphosis

9 Metamorphosis is a process by which animals undergo an  
19 abrupt and obvious change in the structure of their body  
26 and their behaviour. Some animals undergo complete  
32 metamorphosis, in which they completely transform.  
37 Other animals experience incomplete metamorphosis,  
46 where they go through several different stages, with each  
52 stage getting bigger than the last.

59 Complete metamorphosis has four distinct stages: egg,  
70 larva, pupa and adult (for example a frog or butterfly) and  
79 the animal looks very different at each stage. Incomplete  
86 metamorphosis has three distinct stages: egg, nymph,  
95 and adult (for example a dragonfly or grasshopper) and  
104 the young animal (nymph) looks like a smaller version  
107 of the adult.



# Quick Questions



1. Find and copy two words in the text that mean the same as 'change'.

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2. Name two animals from the text that go through complete metamorphosis.

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3. Describe two ways in which complete and incomplete metamorphosis are different.

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4. Explain why the word 'abrupt' has been used to describe metamorphosis.

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