

Life Cycle of a

Silkworm



Meet the Silkworms



4 A silkworm is an **insect**. It is not a worm. It is a caterpillar. A silkworm looks like it has many legs, but only six are true legs. It uses the other ten legs to cling to plants.

1 day



3 weeks



5 weeks





Many years ago, silkworms lived in the wild. Today silkworms live only on silk farms. Silkworms are **domesticated**. Silk farmers **raise** them to get the silk thread used to make silk cloth.



Egg

1 day



6 The silkworm begins life in a tiny egg. The egg is one of about 300 sticky, yellow eggs laid by the female silk **moth**.



Silkworm

- Do silkworms drink water?
- How do silkworms grow?
- What is the only food silkworms eat?

Read *Life Cycle of a Silkworm* and answer these questions and more. The books in the **Life Cycle of a** series take an in-depth look at the life cycles of some familiar plants and animals.

Each book contains:

- Big colorful photographs
- A timeline on each spread
- A Fact File
- A glossary that explains difficult words

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