

Challenge

Read the *Cocoon and the Butterfly*. Once you have read through the short story create a story map (an example of a story map can be found below). Then, you can retell the story in your own words. You may want to use a thesaurus to help you find interesting synonyms.

Cocoon and the Butterfly

One day, a woman saw a cocoon. She loved butterflies and their beautiful, colourful wings. She knew how a butterfly would struggle to transform from an ugly caterpillar into a beautiful one.

She saw the cocoon with a tiny opening. It meant that the butterfly was trying to make its way out to enjoy the world. She decided to watch how the butterfly would come out of the cocoon. She watched the butterfly struggling to break the shell for several hours. The butterfly had been struggling to come out of the tiny opening. Unfortunately, even after continuous attempts for several hours, there was no progress. It seemed that the butterfly had tried its best and had no energy left to keep trying.

The woman had a passion and love for butterflies and decided to help. She got a pair of scissors and cut the cocoon to make a larger opening for the butterfly and removed the remaining cocoon. The butterfly emerged without any struggle!

Unfortunately, the butterfly looked no longer beautiful and had a swollen body with small and withered wings.

She continued to watch the butterfly and was quite eager to see it fly with its beautiful wings. Unfortunately, the butterfly just crawled around with withered wings and a huge body. It was never able to fly. Although the woman had good intentions, she did not know that only by going through struggles the butterfly would emerge to be beautiful, with strong wings.

The continuous effort from the butterfly to come out of its cocoon would let the fluid stored in the body be converted into wings. Thus, the body would become lighter and smaller, and the wings would be beautiful and large.

The moral of the story is that we all need to undergo struggles so we can learn to fly!

Example of a story map for the 3 Little Pigs story.

You can draw your own pictures of the events that took place in the story. They must be in order from the beginning of the story to the end. You can include words if you would like but not full sentences.

