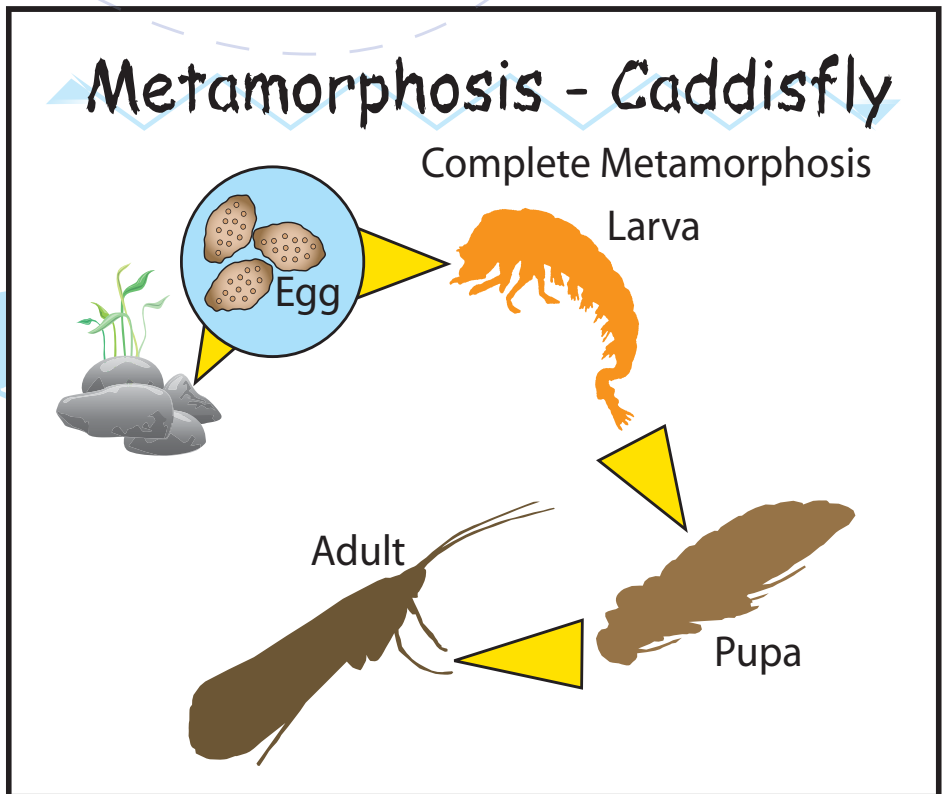
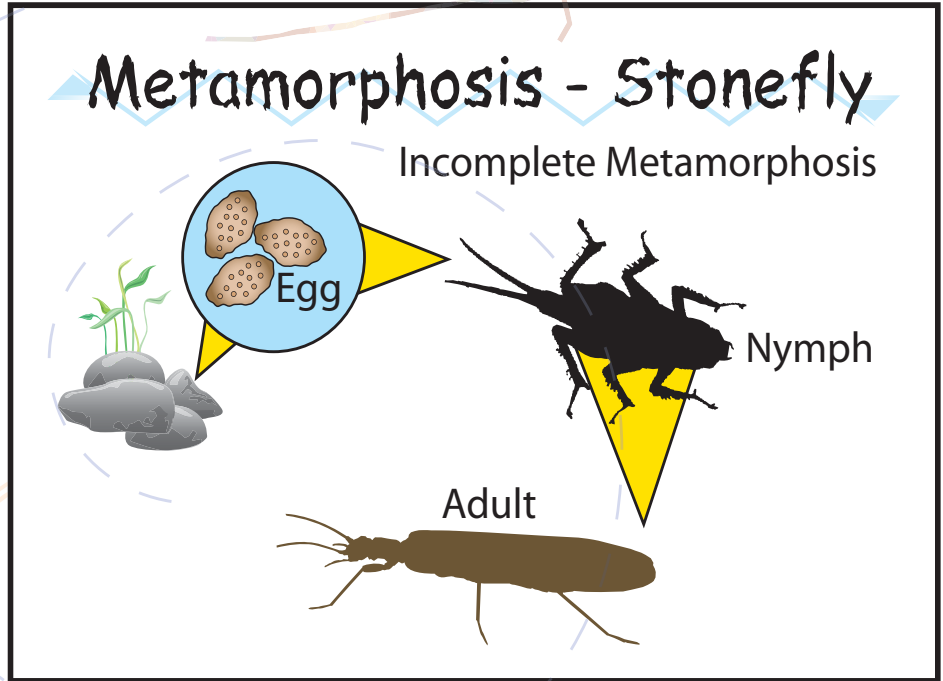


A Bug's Life

All insects go through a life cycle as they grow. Their bodies change through each stage. We call these changes metamorphosis (met-a-'morph-o-sis). Some insects go through three changes, called incomplete metamorphosis. They have an egg, nymph and adult stage. Other insects go through four changes, called complete metamorphosis. They have an egg, larva, pupa and adult stage. Sometimes we use the term "hatch" to describe a nymph or larva that is changing into an adult. The insect appears to be "hatching" right out of the water to become an adult.



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