

Gr. 1, Theme 8, Story 2  
Butterfly, Fluency

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which is about the size of this dot\_\_\_\_. My mother is a butterfly.  
One day I will look like her. I am ready to hatch,  
so I chew a hole in my eggshell. I squeeze out of the hole.  
At last I am free!

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I squeeze out of my old skin. My new skin fits  
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Lots of legs:

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Now I have bright stripes on my body. How many arms and legs  
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Striped suits:

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