

## How \& Why Insects Grow and Change



A potato beetle has laid her yellow eggs on a leaf. Like the beetle, most insects hatch from eggs. Insects grow quickly and change greatly before they become adults.

An insect grows and changes, but its skin does not. An insect's skin is a hard shell. As an insect like the grasshopper grows bigger, it must molt. It sheds its old skin and steps out in a new, bigger skin.

