



Ladybug Life Cycle

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Stage 1

A ladybug begins its life inside an egg.
Mother ladybugs lay eggs on leaves.
The eggs are tiny and yellow.



Look at the pretty ladybug! Did you know that it did not begin life looking this way? Let's learn about the four stages of a ladybug's life.

Stage 2

A few days later, the eggs hatch.
Out crawl baby bugs.
A newly hatched bug is
called a larva.



Here is a larva.
The larva is black and orange.
It is also very hungry.
It eats a lot of tiny insects.





The larva eats and eats and eats.
The more the larva eats, the more
it grows.



The larva grows and grows and grows.
It gets a lot bigger and it begins to
look different.



After a while, the larva stops moving.
It sticks to a leaf.

Stage 3

Now it is time for a new stage in the ladybug life cycle.

The larva forms a hard shell.

The shell does not move.

But a lot of changes are happening inside it.



Stage 4

Soon, the shell breaks open and something comes out. Surprise! It's a brand-new ladybug.

At first, the ladybug's shell is soft and light orange.

But after a few hours, the shell becomes hard and bright red.





At last, the ladybug is all grown up!
It can crawl on a leaf.



It can spread its wings
and fly away!

It takes a lot of changes to become a ladybug.

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Stage 1 egg



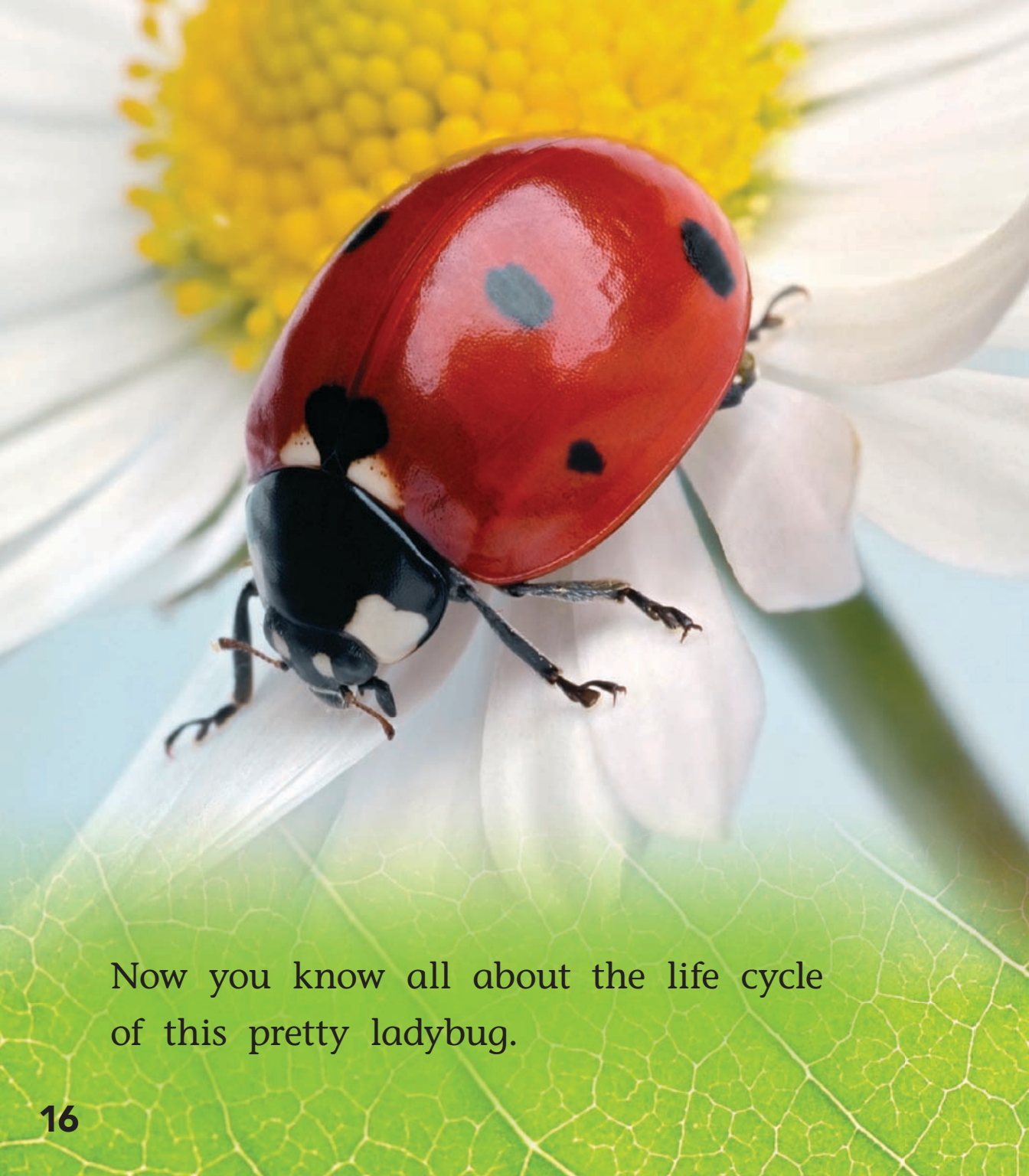
Stage 2 larva



Stage 3 hard shell



Stage 4 ladybug



Now you know all about the life cycle
of this pretty ladybug.