

at different life stages. Larval forms are specialized for eating and growth, while adult forms are specialized for reproduction and spreading the species. The insect life cycle also lessens competition between adult and larval forms.

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1. The cocoon is the site where insect larvae develop into their adult forms.
2. The cocoon provides a place of rest and some protection from predators and the environment.
3. Answers will vary. Students might suggest that the different forms allow the species to be highly specialized



1. What is the purpose of this cocoon?
2. Why is it advantageous for the cocoon to be part of the life cycle of many insects?
3. What do you think would be the advantages to insects of having adult forms that are different from their larval (young) forms?