

caterpillar

[ˈkætəˌpɪlə] *n*

1. *энт.* гусеница
2. кровопийца, паук, пиявка; паразит
3. *мех.* гусеничный ход
caterpillar track - а) гусеничная лента; б) трак гусеницы
caterpillar truck - вездеход на гусеничном ходу
4. гусеничный трактор (*мж.* caterpillar tractor)

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cat·er·pil·lar [caterpillar caterpillars] *BrE* [ˈkætəpɪlə(r)] *NAmE* [ˈkætəpɪlər]

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noun



a small creature like a **worm** with legs, that develops into a **butterfly** or **moth** (= flying insects with large, sometimes brightly coloured, wings). **Caterpillars** eat the leaves of plants.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: perhaps from a variant of Old French **chatepelose**, literally **‘hairy cat’**, influenced by obsolete piller **‘ravager’**. The association with “cat” is found in other languages, e.g. Swiss German Teufelskatz (literally **‘devil’s cat’**), Lombard (an Italian dialect spoken in northern Italy) gatta (literally **‘cat’**). Compare with French **chaton**, English **catkin**, which resembles a hairy caterpillar.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old North French; Origin: catepelose **‘hairy cat, caterpillar’**]



a small creature like a **worm** with many legs that eats leaves and that develops into a **butterfly** or other flying insect

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