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Your question is more complex than you may realize

1) yes, yes, and the whole water column.....emergers can be fish dead drift or on the swing to actually move through parts of the water column and "emerge".....caddis pupa can be called emergers and are usually swung very effectively...some mayflies swim well to the surface and some don't....depending on numerous factors some mayflies will escape surface tension quickly while others will ride the water surface for a distance.

2) emergers are typically considered an easier prey item than full grown adults.....I fish emergers as search flies under the right conditions such as overcast day, hatch intensity, or likely holding areas of the fish in the area.....some hatches that hatch sporidically throughout the day (march browns) can be productive and sometimes i will fish them just because I want too

3) I believe a nymph is a nymph even if it is fished as an emerger.....if you swing a nymph to the surface then it is being fished as an emerger but it is still a nymph pattern

4) technically I would say any parachute pattern is considered a dry fly...now whether you consider an emerger a subset of dry flies is probably a personal opinion but I consider an emerger any fly tied to have part of the body purposely under the surface film and part purposely either in the film or above....but again this is my opinion

I've always had more success with emergers fished alone instead of off a short dropper....I'm not positive why but I feel it has everything to do with the drag on the dropper