

Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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Kid Scoop Together

Proof It

Are you a careful reader? Read the article below and see if you can circle all seven errors. Then, rewrite the article correctly on the blank lines.

So, why are butterflies called butterflies?

No one knows for sure why we call the insects butterflies, since the word has been in the English language for centuries (the word was **butterfloege** in Old English, which means butterfly in our English tomorrow).

Because it is such an old word, we don't really know who or when someone said, "That *thing* over there is a **butterfly**." One story is that they were named so because it was thought that witches took on the shape of butterflies and then stole milk and butter.

Some people think it comes from someone hearing "butterfly" when someone else said, "flutter-by." In other languages, the fluttery bug is not called anything like "butter" and "fly."

Flight of the Monarch

Replace the missing words. **SOUTH KINGDOM RETURN GOLD ORANGE ONCE PLANTS**

An Amazing Migration Tale

While quite small, the beautiful _____ and black monarch butterfly makes one of the longest migrations in the animal _____.

Monarch butterflies live in Canada and Northern United States in the spring and summer. Every fall, when the weather turns _____, millions of monarch butterflies begin flying _____ to Southern California and Central Mexico.

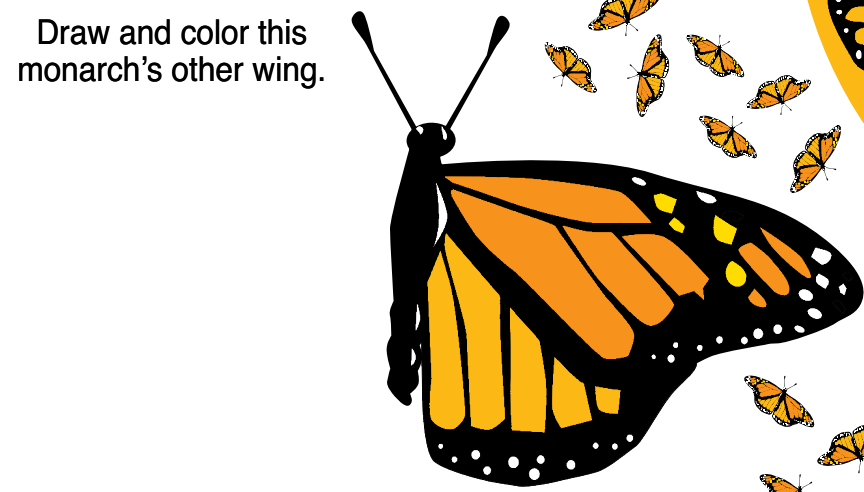
We fly more than 2,000 miles (3,000 kilometers) one way!

The butterflies _____ to the same forests each year, and some even find the same tree where their parents and grandparents wintered.

Scientists aren't sure how the monarchs know where to go _____ each year, since they each only make the trip _____.

The butterflies mate in the winter. The male then dies and the female heads back north, laying eggs on milkweed _____ along the way. The females all die before the next fall migration begins.

Draw and color this monarch's other wing.



Picky Eaters

There is only one thing the larvae of a monarch butterfly will eat. To find out what it is, circle every third letter.

A B M K J I J S L V W K B
N W D R E C Q E F P D

M

Extra! Extra! Compound Words

Butterfly is one word made from two words (butter + fly). This is called a **compound word**. Look through the newspaper for words that can be combined to make a new word.

sun flower newspaper

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

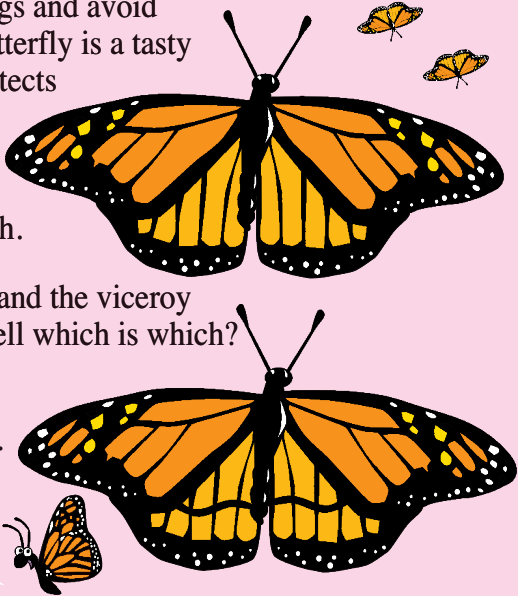
Monarch Copy Cat

The monarch butterfly is poisonous and birds recognize their orange and black wings and avoid them. The viceroy butterfly is a tasty snack for birds. It protects itself by looking almost exactly like a monarch butterfly. It **mimics** the monarch.

Look at the monarch and the viceroy butterflies. Can you tell which is which?

Label each butterfly with the proper name.

HINT: The viceroy has an extra black stripe on its lower wings.



Double Double Word Search

- MIGRATION
- MILKWEED
- MONARCH
- VICEROY
- MIMICS
- WINTER
- LARVAE
- BLACK
- AVOID
- NORTH
- SOUTH
- TEXAS
- PUPA
- COPY

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

A M A W I N T E R Z
I N O I T A R G I M
N S C I M I M Y L I
B G A E D I O V A L
P L N X G R N H R K
U Y A O E N A T V W
P M P C R T R U A E
A O I O K T C O E E
N V A R C C H S H D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MIMIC**

The verb **mimic** means to imitate or copy something.

The parrot could **mimic** the sound of his owner.

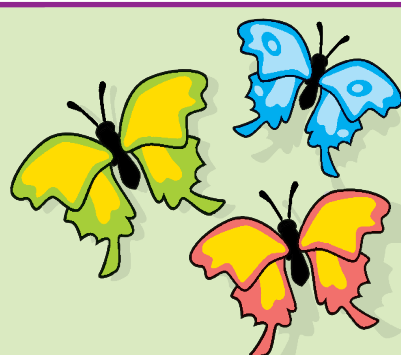
Try to use the word **mimic** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Natural News

Find and read a newspaper article about the environment. Write a short summary of the article. Be sure to indicate the *who, what, where, when, why* and *how* of the article.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries of expository text.



Why wouldn't the butterflies go to the dance?

ANSWER: Because it was a moth ball.

Write On!

A Fly on the Wall

If you could be a fly on the wall, hearing and watching others without their knowing, where would you go and what would you like to watch?