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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.

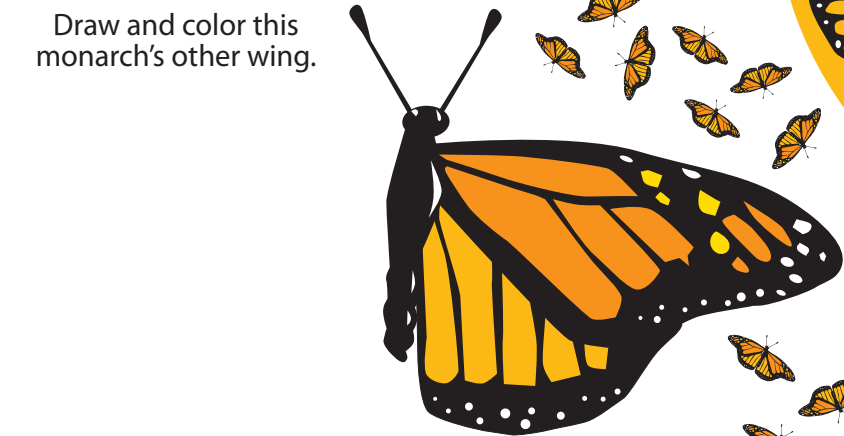
We fly more than 2,000 miles (3,000 kilometers) one way!

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.

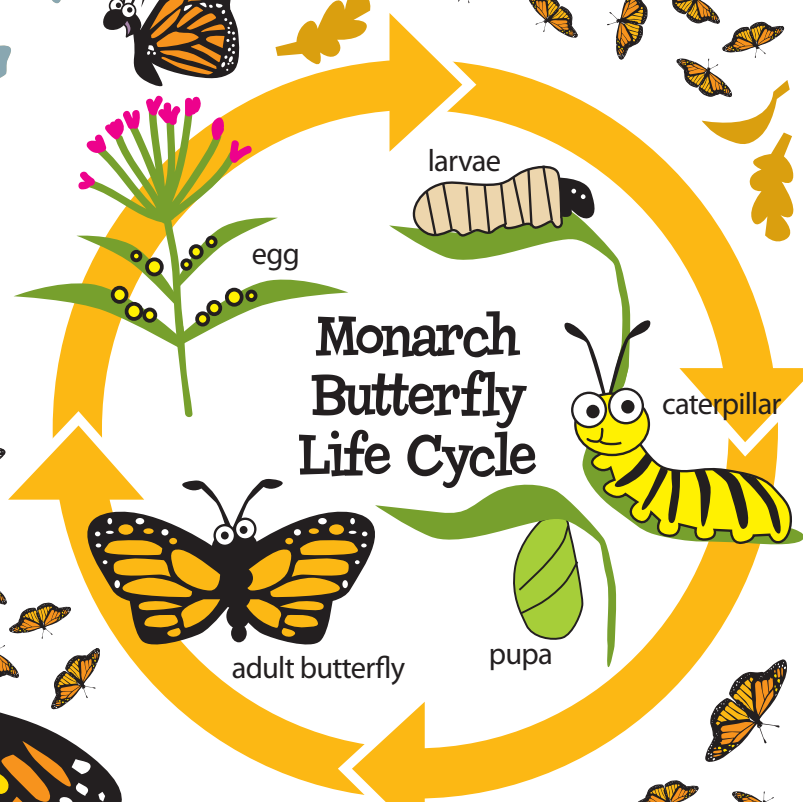
Draw and color this monarch's other wing.



How many butterflies can you find on this page?

In the fall, thousands of monarch butterflies clinging to trees blend in perfectly with autumn leaves, keeping them safe from predators.

We fly south each autumn and north each spring!



Monarch Butterfly Life Cycle



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

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

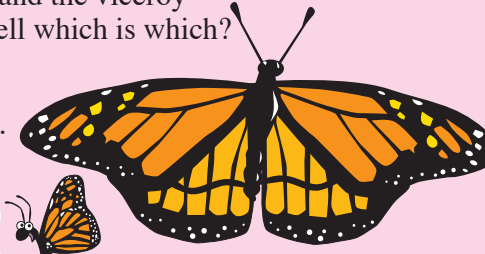
Monarch Copy Cat

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
- YEAR
- PUPA
- COPY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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 R E D I O V A L
P L N A G R N H R K
U Y A O E N A T V W
P M P C R Y R U A E
A O I O K T C O E E
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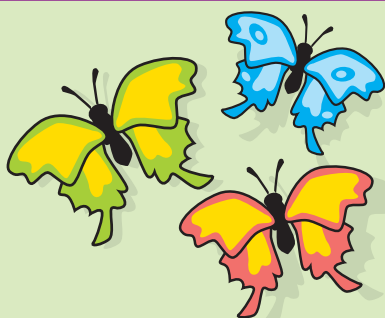
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE 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.

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