

Answers

Non Fiction - Monarch Butterfly

1. Where do monarch butterflies spend the winter?

Mexico

2. Why is it important for the monarch to fly back north to USA and Canada when it's spring?

For the milkweed/monarchs eat milkweed/No milkweed in Mexico/Lay their eggs.

3. 'Once the caterpillar hatches, it gorges...' What does it mean by 'gorges'?

'Gorge' means to eat greedily.

4. What makes the butterfly so 'incredible' and 'amazing'? Think of at least three
Award three marks in total from:

- **travels thousands of miles/migrates**
- **spends winter/hibernates in Mexico**
- **flies back north (to USA and Canada) in the spring**
- **migrates further than any other butterfly**
- **takes four generations for the migration cycle to happen/
great grandchild will complete the journey**
- **transformation into a butterfly (creates a chrysalis)**
- **their behaviour baffles scientists.**

Fiction - The Great Migration

1. Where had Meena and Mondo flown from?

Michoacan Mountains (also accept Mexico)

2. How many butterflies were in the colony?

Over 100 million

3. 'For a moment, she lost sight of her best friend. "Mondo!" she cried out.' How do you think Meena was feeling at this point in the story?

Award one mark for: worried, anxious, concerned, nervous, alone, upset, sad (or similar).

**Award one extra mark if suitable reason is provided, e.g.
because she thought that she had lost Mondo.**

4. At the end, it says the two butterflies 'drifted slowly away'. What do you think it means by this?

They died/feel into a deep sleep together.

Poetry - Butterfly, Butterfly

1. In the poem, what does the butterfly eat?

The nectar of flowers and things that are sweet

2. What is a butterfly larva?

Caterpillar

3. Butterfly, butterfly, how do you fly? By flitting and fluttering into the sky. Think of two different verbs you could use to replace 'flitting' and 'fluttering':

Award one mark for: gliding, flapping, flying, flashing, soaring, or any similar verb to do with the way the butterfly is moving.

4. Read the final verse. If there was another verse following on from it, what might it be about?

Award one mark for answers that address the next part of the butterfly's life: e.g. finding a mate, laying eggs, migrating.