

# Butterfly Scavenger Hunt Activity

## Materials:

Butterfly questions worksheet (pages 2-3),  
18 butterfly fact cards (pages 4-8),  
Scissors and scotch tape

## Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the butterfly questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 butterfly fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them.

You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs



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## Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

## Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair
- on the side of your computer monitor

*Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.*



### Scavenger Hunt

# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 1



### Scavenger Hunt

# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 2

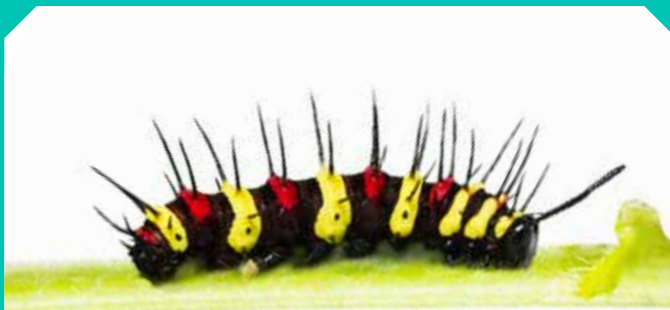


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# Butterfly

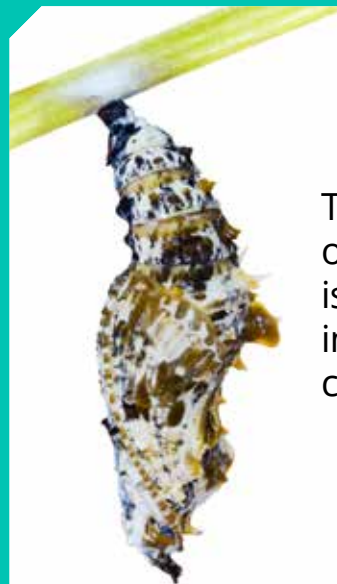
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The second stage of a butterfly's life is larva. A butterfly in the larva stage is called a caterpillar.

# Butterfly

# 4



The third stage of a butterfly's life is pupa. A butterfly in the pupa stage is called a chrysalis.



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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 5



The fourth stage of a butterfly's life is adult. An adult butterfly has wings and

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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 6

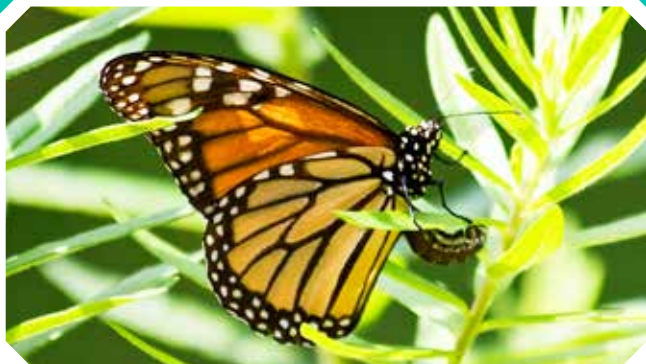


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# Butterfly

# 7



Monarch butterflies will only lay their eggs on the leaves of milkweed plants. They will not lay eggs on any other type of leaf.

# Butterfly

# 8



An adult butterfly's body is divided into three segments. The top or front is called the head. The middle is called the thorax. The bottom or end is called the abdomen.





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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 9



Butterflies can only fly when

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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 10



Butterflies can taste with their legs.



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# Butterfly 11



Butterflies have a long, thin tube called a proboscis on their head. The proboscis is like a straw that is used to drink nectar from flowers.

# Butterfly 12



When a butterfly first comes out of its chrysalis it cannot fly. Its wings are damp and wrinkled. It hangs upside down for an hour or more so blood can get into its abdomen and wings.



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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 13



At night, butterflies hide beneath leaves of trees and other plants with large leaves. They hang upside-down

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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 14



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# Butterfly

# 15



Moths are active at night and rest during the day. Butterflies are active during the day and rest at night.

# Butterfly

# 16



Adult Monarch butterflies can live up to nine months. Most species of adult butterflies live about one month. The smallest species of butterflies can live a week or less.



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Fact Card

# 17



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# Butterfly

Fact Card

# 18



A butterfly's pupa stage is a chrysalis.  
A moth's pupa stage is a cocoon.



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**Fact Card 1:** How many legs does an adult butterfly have?.

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**Fact Card 2:** What is the first stage of a butterfly's life?

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**Fact Card 3:** What is a butterfly larva called?

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**Fact Card 6:** What do butterflies drink from flowers?

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**Fact Card 7:** On what type of plant do Monarch butterflies lay their eggs?

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**Fact Card 8:** What are the three segments of an adult butterfly's body?

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**Fact Card 9:** Why don't people usually see butterflies on cold days?

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# Butterfly Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 10:** What body part do butterflies taste with?

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**Fact Card 11:** What is a butterfly's proboscis used for?

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**Fact Card 12:** Why do butterflies hang upside down when it comes out of its chrysalis?

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**Fact Card 15:** When do moths rest?

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**Fact Card 16:** How long does an adult Monarch butterfly live?

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**Fact Card 17:** What is the smallest species of butterfly in the world?

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**Fact Card 18:** What is a moth's pupa stage called?

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# Butterfly Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 1:** How many legs does an adult butterfly have?

**six**

**Fact Card 2:** What is the first stage of a butterfly's life?

**egg**

**Fact Card 3:** What is a butterfly larva called?

**caterpillar**



**Fact Card 6:** What do butterflies drink from flowers?

**nectar**

**Fact Card 7:** On what type of plant do Monarch butterflies lay their eggs?

**milkweed**

**Fact Card 8:** What are the three segments of an adult butterfly's body?

**head, thorax, abdomen**

**Fact Card 9:** Why don't people usually see butterflies on cold days?

**They can't fly when the temperature is cold.**

# Butterfly Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 10:** What body part do butterflies taste with?

**legs**

**Fact Card 11:** What is a butterfly's proboscis used for?

**sipping nectar from flowers**

**Fact Card 12:** Why do butterflies hang upside down when it comes out of its chrysalis?

**To dry off and get blood into their abdomen and wings**



**Fact Card 15:** When do moths rest?

**during the day**

**Fact Card 16:** How long does an adult Monarch butterfly live?

**up to 9 months**

**Fact Card 17:** What is the smallest species of butterfly in the world?

**Western Pigmy Blue Butterfly**

**Fact Card 18:** What is a moth's pupa stage called?

**cocoon**