

Butterfly Feature Hunt

Read an informational text and see how its features help.

ELA.2.R.2.1 "Explain how text features - including titles, headings, captions, graphs, maps, glossaries, and/or illustrations - contribute to the meaning of texts."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the title, heading, caption, graph, and glossary. Number them 1 to 5, then circle a detail that each feature helps you learn.

A Butterfly's Long Trip

- ① Heading: A Far Flight Every fall, monarch butterflies leave Canada and the United States. They fly south to mountain forests in central Mexico. This trip is called migration. Some monarchs travel more than 2,000 miles.
- ② Illustration: A monarch rests on a milkweed plant. Caption: Monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves. Adult monarchs drink nectar from flowers. Milkweed gives caterpillars the food they need before they change into butterflies.
- ③ Graph: Monarchs Visiting a Garden Monday | ##### 8 Tuesday | ##### 5 Wednesday | ##### 10 The graph shows how many monarchs came each day. Wednesday has the tallest bar. Glossary: nectar, a sweet liquid in flowers that butterflies drink.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How do the title and the heading "A Far Flight" help you understand the first paragraph?

2 How does the caption add to the illustration?

3 How does the graph help you compare the days?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Create a caption for an illustration in a short article about an animal that is not in the passage. Write one more sentence that explains how your caption helps a reader.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the title, heading, caption, graph, and glossary. Number them 1 to 5, then circle a detail that each feature helps you learn. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the title and the heading "A Far Flight" help you understand the first paragraph?	They tell that the paragraph is about monarch butterflies traveling a long distance.
2	How does the caption add to the illustration?	It tells that monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves.
3	How does the graph help you compare the days?	It shows that Wednesday had the most monarch visitors, with 10.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Caption: A sea turtle swims over a coral reef. The caption tells readers what is happening in the illustration.

Accept answers that explain what a feature helps the reader learn, not just name the feature. For Part 3, accept any accurate caption about a different animal and a clear explanation of how it helps the reader.