

Butterfly Changes

Find order and cause-and-effect clues in an informational text.

2.9.D.iii "organizational patterns such as chronological order and cause and effect stated explicitly;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that show time order. Circle words that show a cause or a result.

A Monarch's Life

- ① First, a monarch butterfly lays tiny eggs on a milkweed leaf. After about four days, a caterpillar hatches. The caterpillar eats milkweed leaves. Because it needs energy to grow, it eats many leaves each day.
- ② Next, the caterpillar forms a hard case called a chrysalis. Inside, its body changes. About two weeks later, an adult butterfly comes out. Its new wings are soft at first, so it waits for them to dry.
- ③ Finally, the butterfly flies away to find flower nectar. Nectar gives the butterfly energy. Because butterflies move pollen from flower to flower, they help some plants make seeds. The life cycle can begin again when a butterfly lays eggs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What three words show the order of the monarch's life stages?

2 Why does the caterpillar eat many leaves each day?

3 What happens because the adult butterfly's wings are soft at first?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three sentences about a simple process, such as planting a seed or making a sandwich. Use First, Next, and Finally, and include because or so to show a cause and result.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that show time order. Circle words that show a cause or a result. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three words show the order of the monarch's life stages?	First, Next, Finally.
2	Why does the caterpillar eat many leaves each day?	It needs energy to grow.
3	What happens because the adult butterfly's wings are soft at first?	It waits for its wings to dry.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, I put a bean seed in soil. Next, I add water, so the soil stays moist. Finally, a small plant grows toward the light.

Accept answers that identify the order words and accurately state the explicit causes and results in the passage. For the writing task, accept any logical three-step process with clear order words and one explicit cause-and-effect connection.