Monarch Word Trail

Use nearby words to unlock meanings.

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle three words that are new or interesting to you. Underline words nearby that help you figure out what each circled word means.

The Monarchs' Long Trip

1. Each fall, monarch butterflies begin a long journey. They glide south from Canada and the United States to mountain forests in Mexico. This trip is called a migration. The tiny travelers use sunlight and Earth's magnetic field to help guide them.

2. Along the way, monarchs need nectar, a sweet liquid inside flowers. Nectar gives them energy for flying. The butterflies also rest in sheltered spots, where branches and leaves protect them from wind and rain. A safe resting place can help a monarch survive.

3. In Mexico, millions of monarchs gather in fir trees. Their orange and black wings form clusters that may cover whole branches. The trees give the insects shelter during winter. In spring, the butterflies begin moving north, and a new generation continues the journey.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does migration mean in the first paragraph?

2. What does sheltered mean in the second paragraph? Use details from the passage.

3. What does clusters mean in the third paragraph?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one word from the passage and use it in two sentences about a different animal. Include a clue in your sentences that helps show what the word means.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle three words that are new or interesting to you. Underline words nearby that help you figure out what each circled word means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does migration mean in the first paragraph?	**Migration means a long journey from one place to another.**
2	What does sheltered mean in the second paragraph? Use details from the passage.	**Sheltered means protected, such as being protected from wind and rain.**
3	What does clusters mean in the third paragraph?	**Clusters means groups close together.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The fox curled up in a sheltered den beneath the roots of a tree. The den's thick walls kept it safe from cold rain.

Accept answers that use nearby passage details to explain migration, sheltered, and clusters. For Part 3, accept any passage word used correctly with a clear context clue in two sentences.