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## UNIT

## 1

# The Monarch Butterfly



This passage explains general facts about the monarch butterfly. You will learn how long butterflies have been around for, to which order of insects monarch butterflies belong, where they are commonly found, how, when, and where they migrate, and their incredible metamorphosis.



Read the questions in this unit before listening. Take notes as you listen. You may read the listening script on page 225 if needed.

## Keywords

species  
 milkweed  
 Lepidoptera  
 metamorphosis  
 migration  
 phenomena  
 caterpillar  
 pupa  
 transformation  
 capsule  
 emerge  
 temperate  
 fragile  
 mysterious

## Notes

SAMPLE

**A. Read the questions. Then check the correct answers.**

- For how long have butterflies been around?
  - nearly 5 million years
  - nearly 15 million years
  - nearly 50 million years
  - nearly 50 billion years
- Which order of insects does the monarch butterfly belong to?
  - Milkweed
  - Lepidoptera
  - the fourth order of insects
  - Monarchy
- Which word from the passage means "transformation"?
  - migration
  - metamorphosis
  - phenomena
  - capsule
- How do monarch butterflies know when it is time to migrate?
  - when the days get longer
  - they just know
  - when the temperature is too warm
  - when the days get shorter and the air gets cooler

**B. Listen to the questions and answer options. Then write the correct letters in the boxes.**

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**C. Write “T” for the true statements and “F” for the false ones.**

1. There are nearly 19,000 known species of butterflies. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lepidoptera is the fourth largest order of insects. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Monarchs are recognized by their black wings and red spots. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The longest route a monarch can travel is 300 miles. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Monarchs like to fly at night when it is cooler. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Monarchs can travel up to 80 miles a day during migration. \_\_\_\_\_
7. A favorite destination for monarchs in winter is central Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Answer the questions.**

1. What is the great mystery surrounding the monarch butterfly?  
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2. Explain the metamorphosis that the monarch butterfly goes through.  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. In your opinion, what is the most impressive thing about the monarch butterfly?  
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E. Listen to the passage “The Monarch Butterfly” again. Then write a summary in no more than 80 words.



Include only the main points in the summary. Use your own words.



Summary

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**Words** That I Have Learned

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