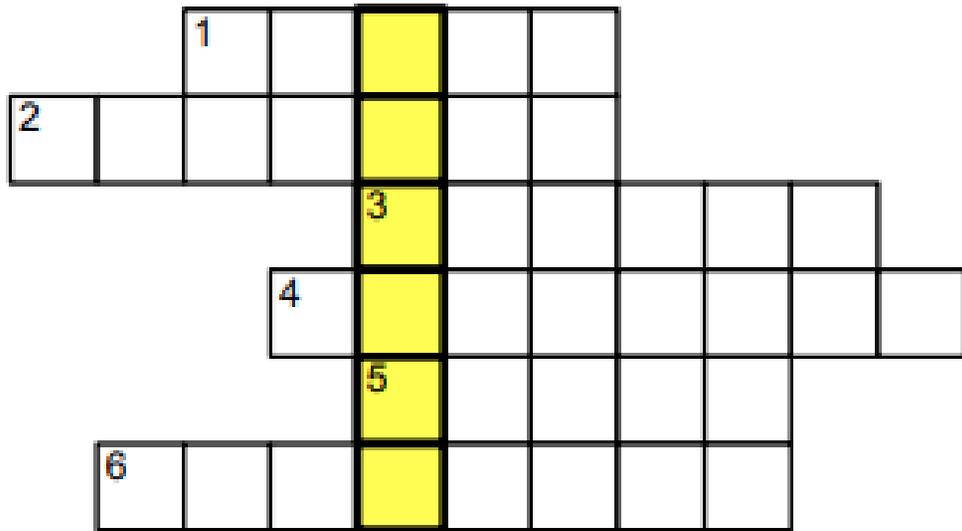


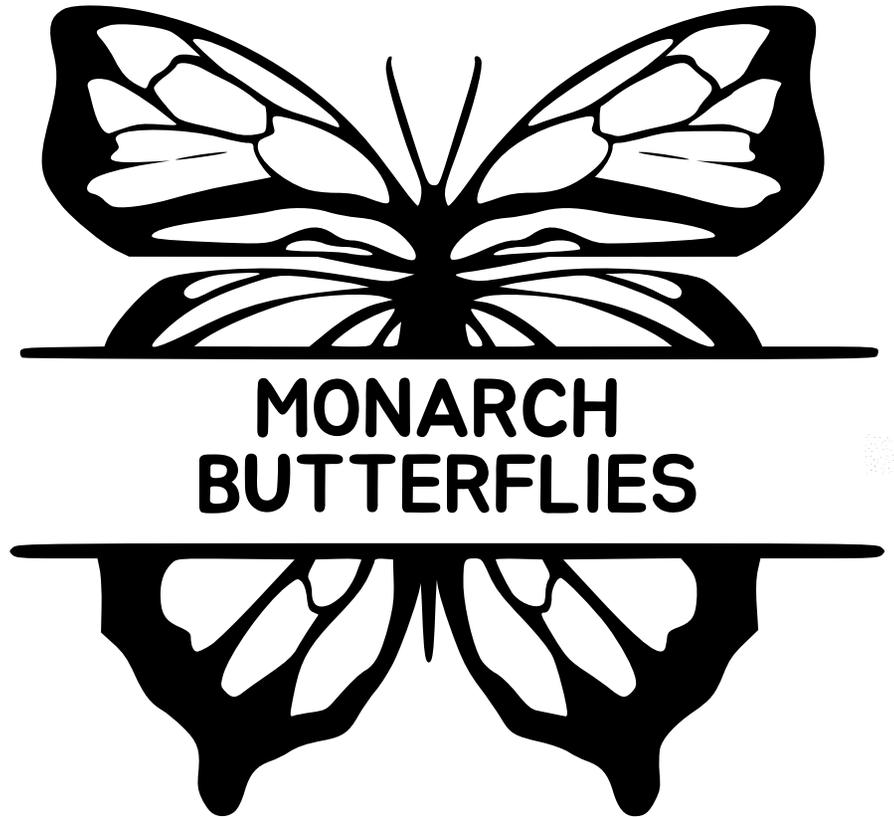
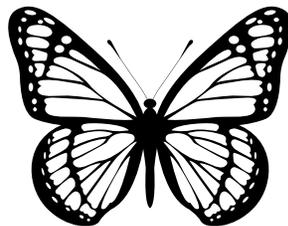
# Monarch butterflies: What did you learn?

Fill in the boxes with the missing words. What's the mystery word?

1. Because of their long migration, monarch butterflies have the strongest \_\_\_ of any butterfly species!
2. Every year, monarch butterflies \_\_\_ 3,000 miles!
3. The \_\_\_ from milkweed protects butterflies against predators.
4. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on a plant called \_\_\_.
5. The monarch female has thicker \_\_\_ than the male.
6. Monarch butterflies smell and taste with their \_\_\_ and legs.



The mystery word is \_\_\_\_\_!



## MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

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# Monarch Butterfly

Monarch butterfly markings include bright orange wings covered with black veins and rimmed with a black border and white dots. Females have thicker veins in their wings. A monarch's brilliant coloring tells predators: "Don't eat me. I'm poisonous." The butterflies get their toxins from a plant called milkweed, which is their only food source in the caterpillar stage.

Monarch butterflies smell and taste with their antennae and legs.



The female butterfly lays each of her eggs, up to 500, on the leaf of a milkweed plant.

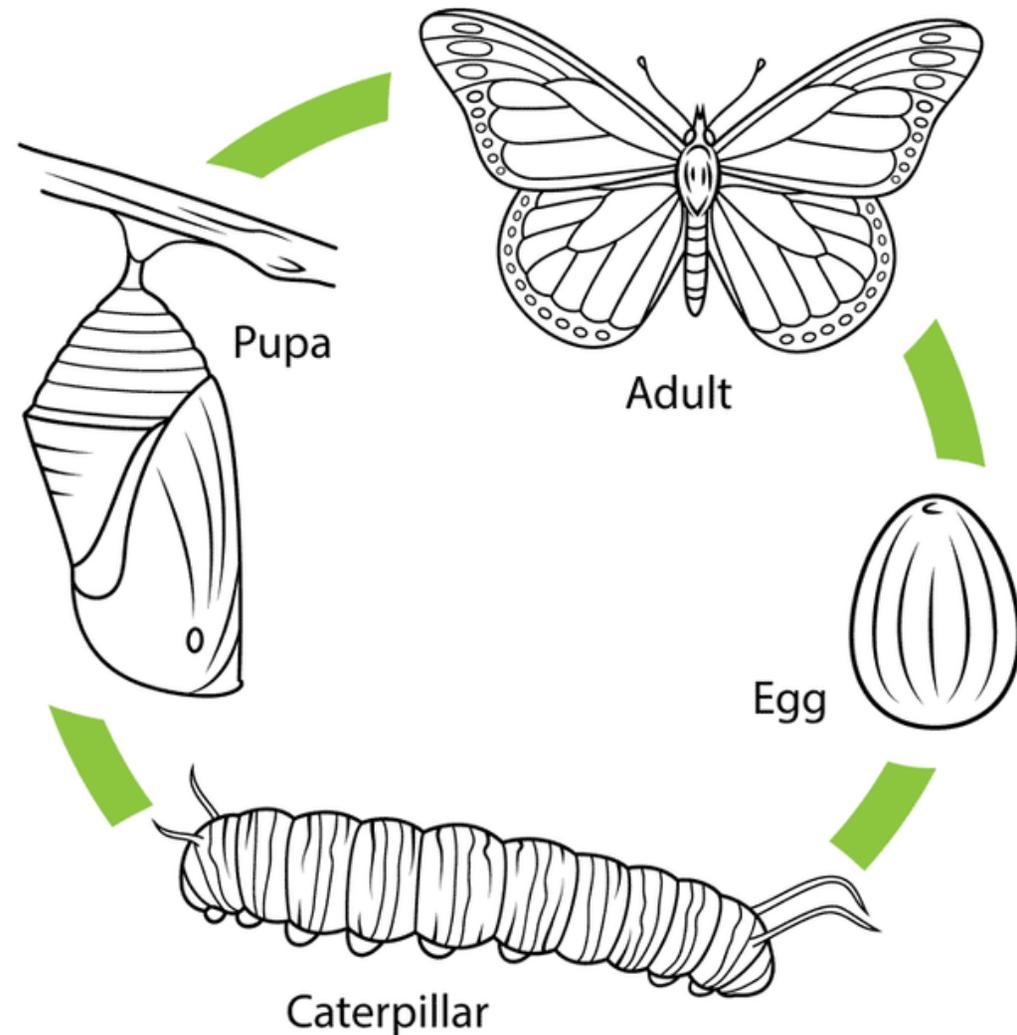


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migrate up to 3,000 miles from the northern U.S. and Canada to the mountains of central Mexico. This long migration gives monarchs the strongest wings of any butterfly species!



# Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly



Pupa

Adult

Egg

Caterpillar