

Butterflies and Flowers



Do you want to see a butterfly flutter by your garden? Then you should plant a lot of flowers.

Butterflies like sunny gardens and colorful flowers. They drink the sweet juice that is in the flowers.

Butterflies taste the juice with their feet. They sip the juice with a tube that is on their head. They use the tube like a straw.

You might see butterflies in the spring, summer, and fall. Happy butterfly watching!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What will you probably see fluttering in your garden if you plant a lot of flowers?

- a) butterflies
- b) beetles
- c) moths

2. If you plant flowers in your garden, you will probably see more butterflies. What makes butterflies come to gardens with flowers?

- a) Butterflies like yellow flowers that look like the sun.
- b) Butterflies drink the sweet juice in colorful flowers.
- c) Butterflies need to be by flowers to stay warm.

3. Butterflies can taste the juice from flowers with their feet, but they sip the juice with a tube on their head. What does this tell us about how a butterfly eats?

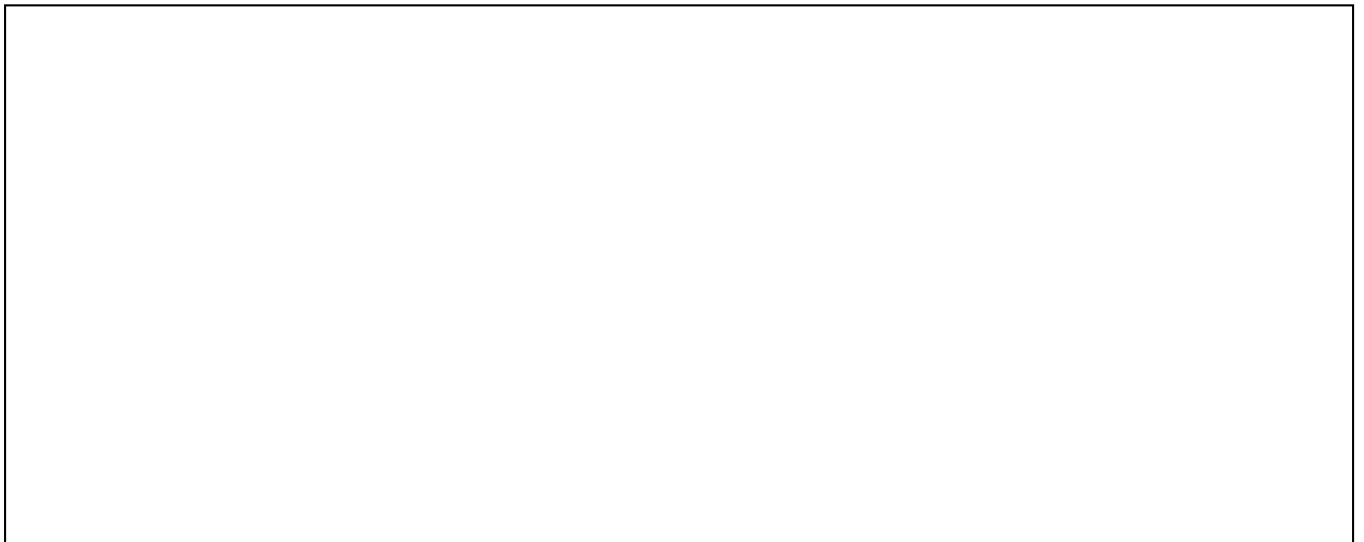
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- c) Butterflies eat food with their feet.

4. What is "Butterflies and Flowers" mainly about?

- a) why you should plant flowers in your garden
- b) butterflies and how they drink
- c) where butterflies live

5. A) What do butterflies use to drink the sweet juice in flowers?

B) Draw a picture of a butterfly drinking from a flower.



6. What did you learn from “Butterflies and Flowers”?

7. Class Discussion Question: Explain why planting flowers in your garden will help you see more butterflies.

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 500

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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What do butterflies use to drink the sweet juice in flowers?

Suggested answer: a tube on their head

- B) Draw a picture of a butterfly drinking from a flower.

Suggested answer: Students' pictures may vary but should include a butterfly on a flower sipping the juice that is inside the flower through a tube that is on their head.

6. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

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7. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

Class Discussion Question: Explain why planting flowers in your garden will help you see more butterflies.

Suggested answer: Answers may vary but students should explain that butterflies enjoy being in sunny gardens with colorful flowers. They also need to drink the sweet juice that is inside of flowers. If you plant flowers that have the sweet juice butterflies need to survive, then it is likely that you will see butterflies drink from your flowers.