

Butterfly Lookalikes

Before Reading

This text explains how two kinds of butterflies are similar and different.

Read the phrases below. Which ones do you think you will find in a text that *compares* and *contrasts*? Circle your ideas. As you read, check off the phrases that you notice in the text.

Phrase	Before reading	After reading
finally		
on the other hand		
similar		
next		
difference		
as a result		
a solution is...		
similarity		
both		
after a few days		
instead		
before		

What do you already know about monarch butterflies? Write down your thinking. _____

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After Reading

Complete the chart. Be sure to look back to the text for details.

Characteristic	Monarchs	Viceroy
Appearance		
How they spend the winter		
Food		

In your opinion, what is the most important difference between the viceroy and the monarch?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. How are monarch butterflies and viceroys *similar*?
 - A. Both butterflies eat milkweed.
 - B. Both butterflies have similar colors as adults.
 - C. Both monarchs and viceroys fly to Mexico.
 - D. Both butterflies eat willow leaves.
2. According to the text, what is one way that monarchs and viceroys are *different*?
 - A. Monarch butterflies drink nectar, and viceroy butterflies drink nectar.
 - B. Monarch butterflies are orange and black, and so are viceroys.
 - C. Monarch caterpillars eat milkweed, and viceroy caterpillars eat willow and cottonwood leaves.
 - D. Monarch butterflies and viceroy butterflies both try to avoid predators.
3. Which is probably the author's purpose in writing this text?
 - A. To show the reader how butterflies live
 - B. To persuade the reader to conserve butterflies like monarchs and viceroys
 - C. To inform the reader about monarchs and their migration to Mexico
 - D. To inform the reader about how monarchs and viceroys are similar and different
4. Which word can best replace the underlined word in the sentence?

Monarchs and viceroys are toxic to predators.

- A. dangerous
- B. delicious
- C. reluctant
- D. poisonous

Summarizing “Butterfly Look-Alikes”

A good summary of compare and contrast text should:

- Include both topics
- Explain the main similarities and differences discussed in the text
- Use key vocabulary from the text

Read the summaries below. Which one is the best?

<p>#1 Monarch butterflies are orange and black. They have mimicry. They are poisonous to predators. Monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico in the winter. They eat milkweed as caterpillars and drink nectar as adults.</p>	<p>#2 Monarch and viceroy butterflies look similar. They both are orange with black spots. They are both poisonous to other animals. If you are lucky enough to see a monarch or a viceroy, you can count the spots on its wings to tell one from the other.</p>
<p>#3 Some butterflies can be look alike! This is the way it is with the monarchs and viceroys. They look almost exactly the same. This is called mimicry. Because the two butterflies look similar, other animals know to stay away from both of them. It can be difficult to tell the two adult butterflies apart. But there is one important clue. Monarchs have two rows of white spots along the outsides of their wings. Viceroys have only one.</p>	<p>#4 Monarch and viceroy butterflies look similar as adults. Both butterflies are orange and black. Both are poisonous to predators. But these two kinds of butterflies lead very different lives. Monarchs migrate to Mexico for the winter, while viceroys stay in cold areas. As caterpillars, they eat different foods. Even though they look similar, monarchs and viceroys are quite different.</p>

Choose one of the summaries that is not well-written. What are the problems with this summary? How could it be improved?
