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Butterfly Thinking Questions

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3. What is a proboscis? what does a butterfly do with it?

4. How can a caterpillar be an insect if it does not have six legs?

ANSWER KEY

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Butterflies are insects because they have three main body parts (head, thorax, and abdomen). They also have six legs.

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When the caterpillars hatch, they need milkweed for food. They can't eat other types of leaves.



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3. What is

A proboscis is a long, thin, coiled organ on a butterfly's head. It is used like a straw to sip nectar from flowers.

4. How can a caterpillar be an insect if it does not have six legs?

A caterpillar is a butterfly in the larval stage. Only adult insects have six legs.