My Butterfly Fact File

Read the butterfly fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a butterfly

Butterfly facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. metamorphosis ____	A. the hard case a butterfly caterpillar forms while it turns into an adult
2. chrysalis ____	B. a big change in body shape as an animal grows up
3. proboscis ____	C. tiny flat pieces that cover a butterfly's wings and give them color
4. migration ____	D. a long journey animals make at the same time each year
5. scales ____	E. a long, straw-like tongue that butterflies use to sip liquids

The most amazing thing I learned about butterflys

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Answer Key

Butterfly Fact File

Butterfly facts

Scientific name:	Monarch: Danaus plexippus
Size:	Monarch wings about 3–4 in across
Weight:	Monarch about 0.5 g (0.02 oz)
Lifespan:	Adults 2–6 weeks; migrants 8–9 mo
Diet:	Nectar; caterpillars eat leaves
Habitat:	Meadows, gardens, fields, forests
Where:	Every continent except Antarctica
Status:	Varies; migratory monarch VU

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–B, 2–A, 3–E, 4–D, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- Butterflies taste with sensors on their feet.
- Some monarchs fly up to about 3,000 miles to spend winter in Mexico.
- A butterfly's wing color comes from thousands of tiny scales.