Monarch Butterfly Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

Write 1, 2, 3... in the boxes to show the order of the monarch butterfly life cycle.

☐	**Adult** – The butterfly emerges, and some migrate thousands of kilometres.
☐	**Egg** – A monarch lays eggs only on milkweed leaves.
☐	**Pupa** – The caterpillar forms a green chrysalis with gold dots.
☐	**Larva** – Striped caterpillars eat milkweed and grow quickly.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. chrysalis	A. the hard case a butterfly pupa forms
2. metamorphosis	B. a big change in body shape as an animal grows
3. migration	C. a long journey animals make at certain times

3. Draw and label

Draw your favourite stage of the monarch butterfly life cycle and label it.

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Larva → Pupa → Adult

Word match

1–A, 2–B, 3–C

Try this activity

Map the monarch's migration from Canada to Mexico on a map. Calculate the distance and discuss why planting milkweed helps monarchs survive.

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