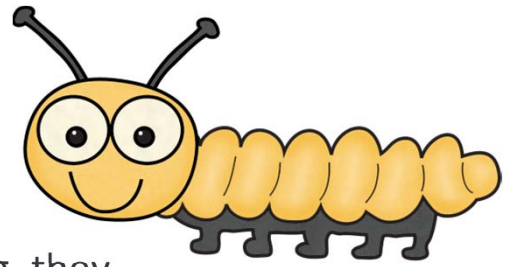


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The Caterpillar



Tom and Joe were two friends who were out on a walk through the park one day. As they were walking, they stumbled upon a small caterpillar on a leaf. After examining the caterpillar, they decided to take it home and care for it. At home, they created a makeshift habitat for the caterpillar. They filled a container with dirt,



milkweed, and leaves so the caterpillar could eat and move around freely. They fed the caterpillar milkweed and watched it grow. Soon enough, the caterpillar began to spin a cocoon and became a chrysalis. Tom and Joe were amazed and excited to watch the cocoon form. After several weeks, the chrysalis became a beautiful monarch butterfly! Tom and Joe were so proud of the butterfly they had helped transform. They watched the monarch flutter around the room, enjoying its newfound freedom.

They named the butterfly “Hope” after the hope they had for a better tomorrow. Tom and Joe felt so lucky to have been able to experience nature in action. They felt a sense of pride knowing that they had helped a caterpillar turn into a butterfly. It was an experience that they would never forget.

1. Read the passage about “The Caterpillar”.
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.
3. Circle any sentence you did not understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Who stumbled upon a caterpillar?**
 - a. Tom and Joe
 - b. Jan and Joe
 - c. Alex and Adam

- 2. What did they create for the caterpillar when they got it home?**
 - a. a home
 - b. a cage
 - c. makeshift habitat

- 3. What did they feed the caterpillar?**
 - a. grass
 - b. milkweed
 - c. leaves

- 4. What did the caterpillar become?**
 - a. chrysalis
 - b. a ball
 - c. an egg

- 5. What did they name the butterfly?**
 - a. confident
 - b. happy
 - c. shy

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Why do you think the boys wanted to take the caterpillar home?
 2. What stages did the caterpillar grow through?
 3. In 2 sentences explain what this passage is all about.
 4. What images occur in your mind after reading this? What types of things can you visualize?
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- Could this story be true? Why or why not?
 - Explain what you know about Monarch butterflies.
 - Why did the boys feel happy at the end of the story?
 - What would be another good title for this story?
 - Did you enjoy reading about the caterpillar? Why or why not?
 - Why was 'Hope' a good name for the caterpillar?
 - Can you think of other animals that go through changes? Explain.
 - Draw a picture of the stages the caterpillar would have gone through.