Compare Two Texts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read both texts. Each question names one text. Circle the detail that only that text gives.

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Monarchs on the Move

Text 1: Monarch Butterflies

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Text 2: Tagging Monarchs at Pine Hollow School

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The class wrote down each number, along with the date and place. Then they let the butterflies go. If someone far away finds a tagged monarch, that person can report the number. This tells scientists where the butterfly traveled. "A monarch weighs less than a paperclip," said Ms. Hollis, "and it can still fly all the way to Mexico."

1. Which fact is given only in Text 1?
   Students wrote down the date and the place.
   Each tag has its own number printed on it.
   Monarch caterpillars eat just one kind of plant.

2. Which fact is given only in Text 2?
   Monarchs rest in trees at night.
   Monarchs spend the winter in forests.
   Students put numbered stickers on monarch wings.

3. Which fact is given only in Text 1?
   The trip to Mexico can be about 3,000 miles.
   Ms. Hollis showed the students how to use a net.
   The students let the tagged butterflies go.

4. Which fact is given only in Text 2?
   Birds do not like to eat monarch caterpillars.
   Monarchs have black lines and white spots on their wings.
   A person who finds a tagged monarch can report its number.

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