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Butterflies

Almost everybody knows what a butterfly is. That's because butterflies live in so many places. It's also because they are so beautiful. When you see a butterfly, you remember it. That's why the butterfly is probably the most famous insect in the world.

Most people know what a butterfly is, but surprisingly they still get the facts wrong. For example, many people think butterflies have only two wings, when they actually have four. In addition, many people think butterfly wings can only be orange and black, but that's not true either. Butterfly wings can actually be blue, red, orange, yellow, or green. This wide variety adds to their beauty.

Unfortunately, as time passes, the colors on a butterfly's wings fade. This means they lose their color, and are not as bright as before. Most of the time, sunlight is what makes things fade. For example, a car that sits in the sun all summer will not be as bright as before. This is what happens to a butterfly's wings. They sit in the sun for a long time. Eventually, they lose some of their color.

1. What kind of animal is a butterfly?

A: Butterflies are reptiles

B: Butterflies are mammals

C: Butterflies are insects

D: Butterflies are birds

2. As used in paragraph 1, what does famous mean?

A: hidden

B: colorful

C: beautiful

D: well known

3. How many wings do butterflies have?

A: 2

B: 4

C: 6

D: 8

4. What kind of animal is a butterfly?

A: Butterflies are reptiles

B: Butterflies are mammals

C: Butterflies are insects

D: Butterflies are birds

5. Which of these is NOT listed in the passage as a color that a butterfly wing can be?

A: grey

B: blue

C: red

D: yellow

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