

## • Reading Comprehension 7 Level 2

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

### **Passage**

The butterfly is a beautiful insect. The butterfly is a delicate insect. The butterfly is a beautiful and delicate insect.

The butterfly has four thin wings. The wings have many different colors on them.

As time passes, the colors on its wings **fade**. This means they lose color, and are not as bright. Sunlight can make things fade. For example, an old car that sits in the sun will lose its color.

Butterflies live all over the world. Most butterflies live where it is very warm and not too dry.

### **Questions**

1) What is a butterfly?

- A. a reptile
- B. an insect
- C. a mammal

2) How many wings does a butterfly have?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6

3) According to the passage, what happens to a butterfly as it gets older?

- A. Its wings fall off.
- B. It becomes a caterpillar.
- C. The colors on its wings fade.

4) As used in paragraph 3, which things **fade**?

- I. a hat that sits in the hot sun for days
- II. a sweater that you hang in the closet for years
- III. a T-shirt that you wear to bed every night

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I, II, and III

5) Using information in the passage, we can understand that butterflies can live

- I. in a meadow where it is warm
- II. near a river where it is wet
- III. in the desert where it is dry

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I, II, and III

6) According to the passage, butterflies are

- I. beautiful
- II. delicate
- III. dangerous

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I, II, and III

## Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

Paragraph 1 says that the “butterfly is a beautiful insect.” Therefore **(B)** is correct.

2) **B**

In paragraph 2, we learn that a butterfly has “four thin wings.” Therefore **(B)** is correct.

3) **C**

In paragraph 4, we learn, “As time passes, the colors on its wings fade.” This means that as the butterfly gets older, the colors on its wings fade. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

4) **A**

In paragraph 3, the passage says, “As time passes, the colors on its wings **fade**. This means they lose color, and are not as bright. Sunlight can make things fade. For example, an old car that sits in the sun will lose its color.” This lets us know that if you leave a hat in the hot sun for days, the color will fade. This supports **option (I)**. If you hang a sweater in your closet for years, it will not fade. It will not lose its color because it is not being exposed to strong light. This eliminates **option (I)**. If you wear a T-shirt to bed every night, it will not fade. It will not lose its color because it is not being exposed to strong light. This eliminates **option (I)**. Choice **(A)** is correct.

5) **B**

In paragraph 4, the passage says that most butterflies live in “very warm places that are not too dry.” From this we can understand that butterflies can live in a meadow where it is warm. This means **option (I)** is true. Since butterflies live in places that are “not too dry,” we can understand that they can live near a river where it is wet. This means **option (II)** is true. Since butterflies live in places that are “not too dry,” we can understand that butterflies cannot live in the desert where it is dry. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(B)** is correct.

6) **B**

Paragraph 1 says that the butterfly is “a beautiful insect.” This supports **option (I)**. Paragraph 1 also says that the butterfly is “a delicate insect.” This supports **option (II)**. The author does not tell us anywhere in the passage that butterflies are dangerous. This eliminates **option (III)**. Choice **(B)** is correct.