Quick Check

The Butterfly Life Cycle

Name	Date

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- 1. Why do new butterflies rest?
 - (A) to grow scales
 - (B) to sip nectar from flowers
 - (C) to add color to their wings
 - ① to dry their wings
- **2.** What step comes after the caterpillar stage?
 - (A) adult butterfly
 - (B) pupa
 - (C) adult caterpillar
 - (I) egg
- **3.** What does the hungry caterpillar eat first?
 - (A) its own eggshell
 - B the leaf it's on
 - (C) the branch it hangs from
 - ① nectar from nearby flowers
- **4.** According to this text, the caterpillar's green skin before the pupa stage helps _____.
 - A protect it from predators
 - (B) it find food
 - © keep it warm in the winter
 - (D) it hang from trees

- **5.** Which of the following happens last?
 - (A) The butterfly sips nectar from flowers.
 - B The caterpillar sheds its skin.
 - © The butterfly hangs upside down.
 - ① The butterfly is able to fly.
- **6.** Why did the author write this book?
 - (A) to entertain readers with silly butterfly stories
 - B to describe butterflies to readers
 - © to inform readers about a butterfly's life cycle
 - ① to persuade readers to buy butterflies as pets
- 7. Which of the following is an opinion about caterpillars?
 - (A) They grow quickly.
 - (B) Their skin does not grow.
 - ① They grow inside an egg.
 - ① They eat too much food.



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- **8.** What step comes after the adult butterfly in the life cycle?
 - (A) caterpillar
 - ® pupa
 - © larva
 - (I) egg
- **9.** Which of the following is a similarity shared by pupa and eggs?
 - (A) oval shape
 - B tiny
 - © skin
 - (D) larva
- 10. Read this sentence: The caterpillar's old skin splits apart and peels away in a process called molting.
 Molting is ______.
 - (A) flying
 - **B** shedding
 - (C) appearing
 - ① disappearing

11. Extended Response: How are the four stages of a butterfly's life cycle different? What do they have in common? Choose a new animal, describe its life cycle, and then explain how it compares to the life cycle of a butterfly.



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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

- **1.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **2.** B Sequence Events
- **3.** A Sequence Events
- **4.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- **5.** A Sequence Events
- **6.** (C) Author's Purpose
- **7.** ① Fact or Opinion
- **8.** (D) Sequence Events
- **9.** A Compare and Contrast
- **10.** (B) Vocabulary
- 11. Answers should describe differences and similarities between the four stages of a butterfly's life cycle. Following this, answers should compare a butterfly's life cycle to that of another animal.