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The Monarch's Amazing Journey

Every autumn, millions of monarch butterflies do something extraordinary.

They travel thousands of miles from Canada and the United States all the way to the warm forests of central Mexico.

This long journey is called migration. Even though monarchs are small and delicate, they fly through strong winds and harsh weather to reach the exact same trees where their ancestors rested years before.

Scientists believe monarchs use the position of the sun and a magnetic sense in their brains to navigate.

During their flight, they stop to drink nectar from flowers, which gives them the fuel they need.

When they finally reach Mexico, millions of butterflies cluster tightly together on fir trees to stay warm through the winter.

In the spring, they begin the journey back north to lay their eggs on milkweed plants.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - A) Monarch butterflies drink nectar from garden flowers.
 - B) Monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles every autumn to reach Mexico.
 - C) Mexico is the coldest place in North America during winter.
 - D) Monarch butterflies only live on milkweed plants.
2. According to the text, how do monarchs find their way during migration?
 - A) By following river routes and mountain chains
 - B) By using star constellations at night
 - C) By using the sun's position and a magnetic sense
 - D) By following the smell of fir trees
3. What does the word delicate mean in paragraph 1?
 - A) Easily broken or damaged
 - B) Extremely fast and energetic
 - C) Brightly colored and spotted
 - D) Very heavy and thick
4. Why do monarchs cluster together on fir trees in Mexico?
 - A) To protect themselves from rainstorms
 - B) To stay warm through the winter
 - C) To lay millions of eggs at once
 - D) To search for new food sources