

# Quoting Accurately: Monarch Journey

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## A Read the Article

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Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

3. A student wrote: The text says monarchs “lay eggs on any plant.” What is wrong with this quotation?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer: **Those are not the author’s words. The text says “only on milkweed plants.”**

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**No. The text says, “No single butterfly makes the whole round trip.”**