**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Butterfly Invasion**

**Voor de docent**

Belenois aurota, een dagvlinder uit de familie van de Pieridae, trekt in de zomer en herfst naar het noordoosten. De trek gebeurt niet elk jaar. Wetenschappers proberen dit fenomeen te doorgronden.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan belangrijke feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a )*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Australian entomologists are studying caper white butterflies. Many aspects of this insect are still a mystery.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Write down the names of insects you know.

b List the names of colours you know.

**Butterfly Invasion**

Queensland is a state in Australia. Insect scientists in Queensland are studying a special kind of butterfly. It is called a caper white butterfly.

Read all about it [here](https://www.kidsnews.com.au/animals/mystery-of-the-mass-butterfly-invasion/news-story/cc1ce96e207ae5b79ef2084c7b12b3af).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. hundreds of thousands | 1. a kind of insect with a long thin body and brightly coloured wings |
| 1. butterfly | 1. a person who studies insects |
| 1. phenomenon | 1. a kind of worm with many legs that changes to become a butterfly |
| 1. entomologist | 1. a town or other area where people live in houses near a larger city |
| 1. due to | 1. an interesting fact or event that is unusual or difficult to explain fully |
| 1. caterpillar | 1. because of |
| 1. suburb | 1. difficult in a way that tests your abilities |
| 1. random | 1. existing or happening in many places |
| 1. predict | 1. most important aspect |
| 1. normal habitat | 1. something between 100,000 and 1,000,000 |
| 1. widespread | 1. the outside lines |
| 1. challenging | 1. the place where a plant or animal usually lives or grows |
| 1. edging | 1. to know and say that something will happen in the future |
| 1. key thing | 1. with many special details |
| 1. complicated | 1. without a particular plan or pattern |

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary.

1 Because of heavy rains, thousands of butterflies have returned to western Queensland.

2 Insect researchers suspect that lots of butterfly caterpillars travel in only one direction.

3 Once every few years thousands of white butterflies appear in southeast Queensland.

4 Queensland is having problems with thousands of caper white butterflies.

b What do entomologists know about caper white butterflies? Select all correct answers.

1 There are usually more of them after it has rained a lot.

2 They are difficult to identify.

3 They are mostly white, but some of them are black.

4 They are well known for flying long distances.

5 They come to Queensland because they are hungry.

6 They have black and yellow spots underneath their wings.

7 They return to Queensland every year.

c When was the last time the white butterflies travelled from western to southeast Queensland?

1 In 2016.

2 Last year.

3 Six years ago.

4 Ten years ago.