

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 164 Butterfly Party
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Elinor's Question: How can we get the butterflies to come to Olive's back yard?

Logline: It's Olive's Mom's birthday and the kids want to throw her a butterfly party, but they need REAL butterflies.

Cirriculum Goals: LS5. Begin to understand that animals depend on other living things in the environment to meet some of their needs: (Elinor observes that the butterflies prefer certain flowers that provide them with nectar).

ND2. (RTL Crosscutting concept 'Systems'): Begin to understand that systems developed in our world often work in similar ways to systems found in the natural world. (Elinor and her friends decide to plant a garden that includes flowers that the butterflies naturally prefer).

SEP1. Asking questions (science) and defining problems (engineering)

- b. Ask more complex questions about observable phenomena
- c. Ask and/or identify cause and effect questions that can be answered by an investigation
- d. Identify a problem that can be solved by the design of a new or improved object or tool (engineering) (Elinor and her friends question why there are no butterflies in Olive's garden, and when they realize through investigation that it's because there aren't any of the flowers that butterflies prefer, they design a butterfly garden.)

SEP3. Planning and carrying out investigations

- b. Compare and contrast objects and events by describing similarities and differences in detail
- c. Demonstrate an ability to make and test predictions based on background knowledge and experiences
- e. Design and build a solution to a simple problem (Elinor and her friends compare and contrast the flowers to find the ones the butterflies prefer, they predict that if they plant those flowers in Olive's yard, the butterflies will come.

Then they make the butterfly garden, and it works!)

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1. EXT. OLIVE'S HOUSE (FRONT DOOR) -- DAY

It's a beautiful summer day and ELINOR hops along in a fluttery way as she follows a butterfly. <SFX: OOOH WALLA>. Suddenly ARI runs OS.

1	ARI	1
	Elinor, come on, we're almost at Olive's house.	

2	ELINOR	2	
	Ok, coming.		*
	(to the butterfly)		
	See you later, butterfly.		

The butterfly flutters away as they get to the front door. Elinor <SFX: KNOCKS> and OLIVE'S MOM opens it.

3	OLIVE'S MOM	3
	Well, hello kids.	

4	ARI	4
	Hi, Mz. Elephant.	

5	ELINOR	5
	Can Olive come out and...	

Suddenly OLIVE peeks out from behind her Mom with a big smile on her face.

6	OLIVE	6
	Ari! Elinor! Come with me...	
	(She grabs her friends by the hands and pulls them inside.)	
	Thanks Mom!	

7	OLIVE'S MOM	7
	(surprised)	
	OH! Okay, well, have fun kids.	

2. INT. OLIVE'S ROOM - DAY

Olive takes her friends into her room.

8	ELINOR	8
	What is it Olive?	

9	ARI	9
	Yeah, you sure seem....	

Olive shushes him with her trunk and a friendly <SFX: SHUSHHHH WALLA> as her mother walks by the door on her way to the kitchen.

10	ARI (CONT'D)	10
	(whispering)	
	...excited.	

Olive can't wait to share her news.

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11                                OLIVE                                11
                                (bubbling with joy)
                                I AM excited! Guess what? Today is
                                my Mom's birthday!

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<SFX: AWESOME/COOL WALLA>

12 OLIVE (CONT'D) 12
And I want to do something really
special for her.

13 ARI 13

Like what?

14 OLIVE 14
I was thinking... let's make a *
BIRTHDAY PARTY for her!

15 ARI 15
That's a FANTASTIC idea, Olive. We
could have a pirate party, like I
had on my birthday - Arrrrgh.

He does a little pirate pretend-playing <SFX: AHOY WALLA>. *

16 ELINOR 16
Or a bunny-hopping party, like the
one I had.
(Elinor starts hopping
around)
Now that was a HOPPY birthday!

Olive smiles at her friend's energy.

17 OLIVE 17
(giggling)
You sure do like to hop, Elinor.

Ari jumps in front.

18 ARI 18
And don't forget - I like PIRATES!
ARRRGH!

19	OLIVE	19	
	Buu-ut, I'm not sure my Mom likes pirates that much... or bunny hops.		* *
20	ELINOR	20	
	Right. We should plan a party with something <i>she</i> likes.		
21	ARI	21	
	OK, what does your Mom like, Olive?		
22	OLIVE	22	
	Good question. I'm not sure. I see her every day but I guess I've never thought about what she likes.		
23	ELINOR	23	
	Then let's find out... come on.		*

3. INT. OLIVE'S KITCHEN - DAY

Olive, Elinor and Ari poke their noses around the corner and watch Olive's Mom closely, trying to keep quiet so she doesn't see them (it's not easy, much <SFX: GIGGLING WALLA>).

24	ELINOR	24	
	(whispering giggling)		
	Let's observe your mom and see what she likes.		
ANGLE ON: Olive's Mom puts the last dish away, then settles at the kitchen table with a cup of tea and a magazine (with a butterfly on the cover).			
25	ARI	25	
	She likes sitting quietly.		
26	OLIVE	26	
	Yeah, but a sitting quietly party doesn't sound much fun.		*
27	ELINOR	27	
	Wait a minute... look at your Mom's magazine.		*
ANGLE ON: The cover of Olive's Mom's magazine. A butterfly.			
28	ARI	28	
	There's a picture of a butterfly.		
29	ELINOR	29	
	And her apron.		

21 ANGLE ON: The butterfly apron. 21

30 OLIVE 30
Another butterfly.

31 ELINOR 31
And her pin!
(ANGLE ON: The butterfly
pin)
I'm starting to see a pattern here.

QUICK CU's on various butterfly decorations all around the kitchen.

BACK ON: Olive figures it out.

32 OLIVE 32
Butterflies! My mom loves
butterflies. She has butterfly
decorations on EVERYTHING!

33 ARI 33
Yeah, there's butterfly stuff
everywhere.

34 ELINOR 34
<GASP!> Let's have a butterfly
party!

ANGLE ON: At that moment Olive's mom hears them.

35 OLIVE'S MOM 35
(calling)
What are you kids up to?

36 OLIVE 36
(calling)
Nothing, Mom! We're just going to
play outside, okay?

37 OLIVE'S MOM 37
(calling)
OK, have fun.

Off they go.

4. EXT. OLIVE'S BACK YARD - DAY

The kids are in the back yard, near the flower garden.

38 ELINOR 38
I think your mom would love a
butterfly party.
(MORE)

ELINOR (CONT'D)

We could have it right here in your yard. Your garden is so nice.

ANGLE ON the beautiful flower garden, lots of pansies, lilies and roses. NOTE: It should NOT contain any of the flowers identified as "butterfly flowers" (i.e. Milkweed, marigolds, asters, phlox, sunflower, black-eyed susans)

39 OLIVE 39
Thanks! My mom and I planted it --
this is my part of the garden.

Olive points to a little section.

40 ELINOR 40
It's the perfect place for a
butterfly party.

41 ARI 41
OK, so what do we need?

42 OLIVE 42
Well, my mom already has butterfly
plates and napkins and decorations. *

43 ARI 43
Wait, I know... what if we got some
REAL butterflies! *

44 OLIVE 44
YES! Then they could fly around
and it'll be a REAL butterfly
party. *

THOUGHT BUBBLE: medium shot of Olive's Mom with a birthday
hat surrounded by butterflies. *

45 ELINOR 45
That would be so fun! Let's find
some butterflies for the party. *

They wait for a beat, looking around.

46 ARI 46
Welp. I don't see any butterflies
around here. *

47 OLIVE 47
Maybe we should try calling them.
(calling)
Butterflies!

48 ARI 48
 (Calling)
Oh, BUUUTERFLIES!

49 ELINOR 49
(calling)
We want you to come to Olive's
Mom's party!

A beat. No butterflies.

50 OLIVE 50
STILL no butterflies.

51 ARI 51
Maybe we should send them some
Birthday Party invitations?

52 OLIVE 52
Hmmm. I don't think butterflies can
read invitations, Ari.

53 ELINOR 53
I know there are butterflies around
here somewhere.

[illegible]

The kids run off-screen.

5. EXT. MEADOW BESIDE OLIVE'S HOUSE - DAY

WIDE SHOT REVEALS: the kids running over to the field next door - part of it is just grass, but the farther part of the field has milkweed.

55 OLIVE 55
(calling)
Butterflies! Butterflies!

56	ARI	56
	(calling)	
	Butter-butter-butter-FLIES!!	

57 ELINOR 57
I wonder where all the butterflies
are.

The kids search around the grassy area for a beat or two, looking in the tall grass, behind a tree etc.

58	ARI	58	
	I don't see any around here.		
	Suddenly Elinor notices something.		
59	ELINOR	59	
	Look over THERE!		
	ANGLE ON: The farther flowery part of the field, with lots of butterflies.		
60	OLIVE	60	
	<GASP!> BUTTERFLIES!!		*
	They run over to the part of the meadow that's dotted with wildflowers - and butterflies.		
61	OLIVE (CONT'D)	61	
	Wow, look how many butterflies there are here.		*
62	ELINOR	62	
	(to butterflies)		
	Butterflies, we're having a birthday party for Olive's mom and we would love it if you came.		
63	ARI	63	
	Yeah, it's over...		
	(he antics, pointing comically with his whole body)		
	...THIS way. C'mon.		
64	OLIVE	64	
	Just fly over to my house, butterflies. I have a really nice garden.		*
	(Olive flutters along like a butterfly for a beat, then turns, disappointed)		
	They're not coming.		
65	ELINOR	65	
	They're just staying in this field.		
66	ARI	66	
	I wonder why they like it here so much and not in Olive's garden?		
67	OLIVE	67	
	Dun, dun, DUNNN - it's a mystery, a butterfly mystery...		

68	ELINOR	68
	We need MORE observations.	
	Olive, Ari and Elinor crouch down behind some tall grass. They watch the pretty scene of the butterflies fluttering around the flowers for a beat or two.	
69	ELINOR (CONT'D)	69
	OK, what's the difference between this field and the garden at Olive's house?	
70	ARI	70
	Both places have lots of sun.	
71	OLIVE	71
	And both places have lots of flowers.	
	Elinor looks closely ANGLE ON: we see several shots of the butterflies only hanging out near one type of flower (a Milkweed flower).	
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72	ELINOR	72
	Hmmm, the butterflies seem to REALLY like that purple flower. Olive, do you have that flower in your garden?	*
73	OLIVE	73
	I don't think so. We have red flowers, and yellow flowers... but we don't have that purple flower.	* * *
74	ELINOR	74
	(Penny drops)	
	Maybe that's why the butterflies like it here and not in your garden. They like this special kind of flower.	
75	ARI	75
	I think you're right Elinor, they seem to be big fans of that flower.	*
76	OLIVE	76
	So how can we get the butterflies to come to my garden if we don't have these special flowers they like?	
	The kids look stumped when suddenly they hear someone <SFX: HUMMING> nearby.	
		* *

77	OLIVE (CONT'D) Who's humming?	77	*
78	ELINOR I don't know. Let's find out.	78	*

And off they go.

6. EXT. MZ. MOLE'S GARDEN - DAY

The kids follow the <SFX: HUMMING> through some bushes, and Elinor sees....

79	ELINOR Mz. MOLE?	79	
80	MZ. MOLE Hello kids, welcome to my house.	80	*
81	ARI (gob-smacked) Wait, teachers have HOUSES?	81	*
82	MZ. MOLE That's right, and (gesturing) gardens too.	82	*
83	ARI Mind. Blown.	83	*
84	ELINOR Wow, Mz. Mole your garden has so many amazing flowers.	84	
85	OLIVE And LOTS of butterflies!	85	
86	ARI That's just what we were looking for!	86	
87	MZ. MOLE Butterflies? Why are you looking for butterflies?	87	
88	OLIVE For my mom's birthday. She loves butterflies, so we want to surprise her with a BUTTERFLY party.	88	*
89	ARI With real butterflies!	89	*

90	MZ. MOLE	90	
	Oh, what a wonderful idea.		
91	ELINOR	91	
	We saw some butterflies in that field over there, but we couldn't get them to come to our party.		*
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			*
92	ARI	92	*
	Yeah, they only seemed to like hanging around a special flower. (noticing) This one!		*
			*
	He points to the Milkweed, with butterflies hovering around.		*
93	MZ. MOLE	93	
	Ah, yes. Butterflies do like some flowers more than others. Lots of animals in Nature prefer certain plants. That one is called a milkweed.		*
	The kids <SFX: OOOH, AHH WALLA>.		*
94	MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)	94	
	But butterflies also like marigolds, sunflowers, asters, lavender, black-eyed susans and phlox.		
	She points to each flower in turn <SFX: WOOW AWESOME WALLA>.		*
95	OLIVE	95	
	Wow, I wish I could have these flowers in my garden. Then the butterflies would come to my mom's party for sure.		
	Elinor and Ari agree <SFX: YEAH WALLA>.		*
96	MZ. MOLE	96	
	You can have these flowers!		
97	ELINOR	97	
	But how? We don't have time to plant them and wait for them to grow.		
98	MZ. MOLE	98	
	That's ok. Take some of mine!		*
99	OLIVE	99	
	We can take some of your flowers?		

100	MZ. MOLE	100
	Sure! In gardening, it's OK to move plants from one spot to another. It's called 'transplanting'.	
101	OLIVE	101
	Transplanting. I LIKE that word.	
102	MZ. MOLE	102
	I'll show you how.	

7. GARDEN PLANTING MONTAGE

As they sing, Mz. Mole supervises the kids as they dig up some of the plants from her garden, put them in pots (in a wagon), then go and transplant them into Olive's garden.

103	ELINOR, OLIVE, ARI	103
	OLIVE: Butterflies love flowers, We all know it's true, ELINOR: And they have their favorites, Just like me and you.	
	ARI: To have butterflies around, Just listen to our song, ELINOR: Plant the flowers that they like, And they will come along.	
	OLIVE: Marigold and milkweed Lavender and phlox ELINOR: These are the flowers That butterflies like a lot	
	ARI: Sunflowers and Asters Black-eyed Susans too ELINOR: When you plant the flowers that they like, OLIVE: The butterflies will come to you!	
	ALL: Butterflies love flowers, We all know it's true, And they have their favorites, Just like me and youoooo.	

After they plant the flowers in Olive's garden, one butterfly flutters in.

8. EXT. OLIVE'S BACK YARD (WITH BUTTERFLY GARDEN) -- DAY

The back yard is decorated with the butterfly decorations from the house, and we see butterfly plates and napkins. There's also a new butterfly garden (In Olive's section)

Olive leads her mother out of the house with her eyes closed.

104	OLIVE	104
	Okay, Mom, you can open your eyes now.	

105	OLIVE, ARI, ELINOR, MZ. MOLE	105
	SURPRISE!	

106	ARI	106
	Welcome to your butterfly party.	

107	ELINOR	107
	With real BUTTERFLIES!	

Olive's Mom looks around in wonder.

108	OLIVE'S MOM	108
	Wooooow. This is WONDERFUL.	

109	OLIVE	109
	Happy Butterfly Birthday, Mom.	

Olive gives her Mom a big hug.

110	OLIVE'S MOM	110
	Aww, thank you so much, kids. (then she notices)	
	Mz. Mole? How nice to see you!	*

111	MZ. MOLE	111
	Happy birthday, Mz. Elephant. I'm here as a butterfly garden helper.	

112	ELINOR	112
	We wanted real butterflies for your party, Mz. Elephant, so we OBSERVED some.	

113	OLIVE	113
	And we learned that they like some kinds of flowers more than others.	

114	ARI	114
	So Mz. Mole helped us bring some of her butterfly flowers here.	*

115 OLIVE 115
We TRANSPLANTED them into our
garden, so the butterflies would
come.

116 ELINOR 116
And they DID!!

117 OLIVE'S MOM 117
Wow, did they ever!! Look at all
these beautiful butterflies.

ANGLE ON: The garden and the fluttering butterflies - beauty!

118 OLIVE'S MOM (CONT'D) 118
You kids really know what flowers
the butterflies like. But how did
you figure out that I love
butterflies so much?

ANGLE ON: Olive's Mom's butterfly pin, butterfly apron and
butterfly decorations.

119 ELINOR 119
Oh, it wasn't that hard, Mz.
Elephant.
(Ari, Olive and Elinor
share a smile)
Even the butterflies know you like
butterflies.

A butterfly lands next to her butterfly pin. Everyone <SFX:
LAUGHS> as Olive hugs her Mom. *

THE END *