



# Rudy and the Butterflies

## Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Activities

Prompt	Possible Responses
<p>Rudy met his butterfly friends at Miss Mary's horse farm. What other kinds of creatures might Rudy meet at the farm?</p> <p>Name as many as you can.</p> <p>Use at least one adjective to describe each one you listed.</p> <p>Can you draw your favorite creatures?</p>	<p>dogs, cats, deer, birds (sparrows, hawks, crows, etc.), racoons, opossums, foxes, rabbits, insects other than butterflies (beetles, flies, caterpillars,</p> <p><b>*Activity Sheet available for download</b></p>
<p>Rudy learned to jump some natural obstacles, such as the log, around the farm. What other things found outdoors could Rudy have jumped?</p>	<p>Fences, rocks, brick/stone walls, hedges/bushes, roads, puddles, streams</p>
<p>What are some things that would not be safe for Rudy to jump?</p>	<p>Cars, bicycles, other horses, people, wire fences, fence posts</p>
<p>Sometimes Elmo falls off when Rudy chases butterflies. What should Elmo's friends do to help him after he hits the ground?</p> <p>Brainstorm possible actions</p>	<p>Dust him off. Help him get up Check that he is okay. Get him a bandaid (or tylenol) Call his mom Help him get back on. Rudy Help him catch Rudy Take him to the hospital.</p>
<p>What are some reasons you think Miss Mary and Billy chose Elmo to be Rudy's rider instead of Dan?</p>	<p>Accept all answers</p>

<p>Where would you go to catch hundreds of butterflies?</p> <p>How would you do that?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Make a butterfly net</b> (Activity sheet/pattern available for download)</li></ul>
<p>Why do you think Elmo wears a helmet when he rides?</p>	