Bed Bug Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

Write 1, 2, 3... in the boxes to show the order of the bed bug life cycle.

☐ **Nymph** – Nymphs hatch and need a blood meal before each of five molts.

☐ **Adult** – Adults are flat, reddish-brown and about the size of an apple seed.

☐ **Egg** – Females lay tiny white eggs in cracks near where people sleep.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. nymph	A. an animal a parasite lives on or feeds from
2. molt	B. a young insect that looks like a small adult
3. host	C. shedding an old outer skin to grow bigger

3. Draw and label

Draw your favourite stage of the bed bug life cycle and label it.

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Nymph → Adult

Word match

1–B, 2–C, 3–A

Try this activity

Use an apple seed as a size guide and draw a bed bug life cycle to scale. Discuss how people check hotel beds and wash bedding hot to stop bed bugs. Pictures only, no live insects.

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