# Cicada Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

## 1. Put the stages in order

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

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| ☐ | **Adult** – Nymphs climb out, molt, and adults sing loudly in trees. |
| ☐ | **Nymph** – Nymphs drop to the ground and live underground for years. |
| ☐ | **Egg** – A female lays eggs in slits cut in tree twigs. |

## 2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

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| **1. nymph** | A. shedding an old outer skin to grow bigger |
| **2. molt** | B. a hard outer covering that protects an insect |
| **3. exoskeleton** | C. a young insect that looks like a small adult |

## 3. Draw and label

Draw your favourite stage of the cicada 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–C, 2–A, 3–B

## Try this activity

Find out how many years some cicadas live underground, up to 17 years. Work out what year it was when a 17-year cicada coming out this year first went into the ground.

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