Crab Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Zoea larva** – Tiny larvae hatch and float in the sea as plankton.
☐	**Megalopa** – The larva changes and starts to look more crab-like.
☐	**Adult** – The adult crab can mate and carry eggs.
☐	**Egg** – The female carries thousands of eggs under her body.
☐	**Juvenile** – A tiny crab settles on the seabed and molts to grow.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. molt	A. the young, worm-like stage of some insects
2. larva	B. tiny living things that drift in water
3. plankton	C. shedding an old outer skin to grow bigger

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Zoea larva → Megalopa → Juvenile → Adult

Word match

1–C, 2–A, 3–B

Try this activity

Look at photos of crab molts or find empty shells on a beach. Discuss how crabs must shed their shell to grow and are soft for a while. Watch rock-pool crabs without picking them up.

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