Earthworm Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Hatchling** – Tiny worms hatch and start eating soil and dead leaves.
☐	**Juvenile** – The young worm grows bigger but has no saddle yet.
☐	**Adult** – The adult has a saddle-like band and can make cocoons.
☐	**Cocoon** – Earthworms lay small lemon-shaped cocoons holding eggs in the soil.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. cocoon	A. a silk case some moth larvae spin
2. clitellum	B. the thick band, or saddle, on an adult worm
3. decompose	C. to rot and break down into soil

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Cocoon → Hatchling → Juvenile → Adult

Word match

1–A, 2–B, 3–C

Try this activity

Make a wormery in a clear bottle with layers of soil and sand. Add worms and leaves, cover the sides, and check weekly to see layers mix. Return the worms afterward.

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