Eel Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Elver and yellow eel** – Young eels darken and swim up rivers to grow.
☐	**Silver eel** – Grown eels turn silver and swim back to sea to breed.
☐	**Egg** – European eels lay eggs far out in the Sargasso Sea.
☐	**Leptocephalus** – See-through, leaf-shaped larvae drift across the ocean.
☐	**Glass eel** – Near the coast they become clear, tiny eels.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. larva	A. a long journey animals make at certain times
2. spawn	B. to lay eggs in water
3. migration	C. the young, worm-like stage of some insects

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Leptocephalus → Glass eel → Elver and yellow eel → Silver eel

Word match

1–C, 2–B, 3–A

Try this activity

Trace the eel's journey from Europe's rivers to the Sargasso Sea on a map using string. Measure the distance and talk about why scientists still find eels so mysterious.

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