Jellyfish Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Medusa** – The ephyra grows into the bell-shaped adult jellyfish.
☐	**Egg and larva** – Eggs become tiny swimming larvae called planulae.
☐	**Polyp** – The larva sticks to a rock and grows into a polyp.
☐	**Ephyra** – The polyp buds off tiny baby jellyfish called ephyrae.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. polyp	A. a tube-shaped stage that sticks to rocks
2. medusa	B. the swimming, bell-shaped adult jellyfish
3. tentacle	C. a long, bendy arm used to catch food

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg and larva → Polyp → Ephyra → Medusa

Word match

1–A, 2–B, 3–C

Try this activity

Make jellyfish from paper bowls and ribbons, labelling each stage on a card. Discuss why we should never touch jellyfish, even on the beach, because their tentacles can sting.

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