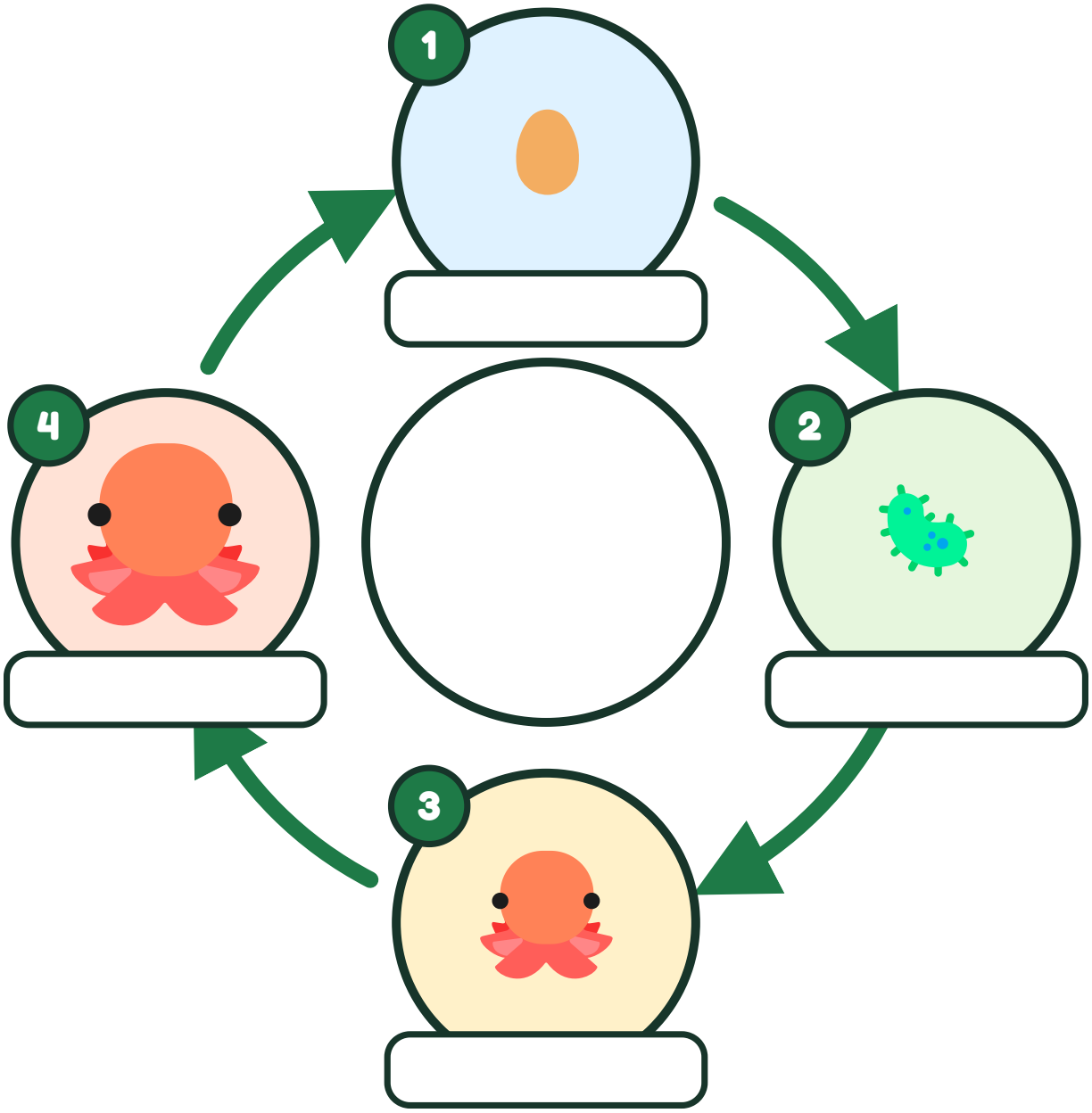
Label the Octopus Life Cycle

Write the name of each stage in the empty boxes.

Name: _____ Date: _____



Word bank

Adult • Egg • Juvenile • Paralarva

Which stage comes right after **Egg**? _____

Cut and Sequence

Cut out the cards and put the octopus life cycle in order. ✂

Name: _____ Date: _____



Egg
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Adult
Adults breed once, then die within about 1–2 years.



Paralarva
Hatchlings drift in the plankton for about 2 months.



Juvenile
It settles on the seafloor and grows very fast.

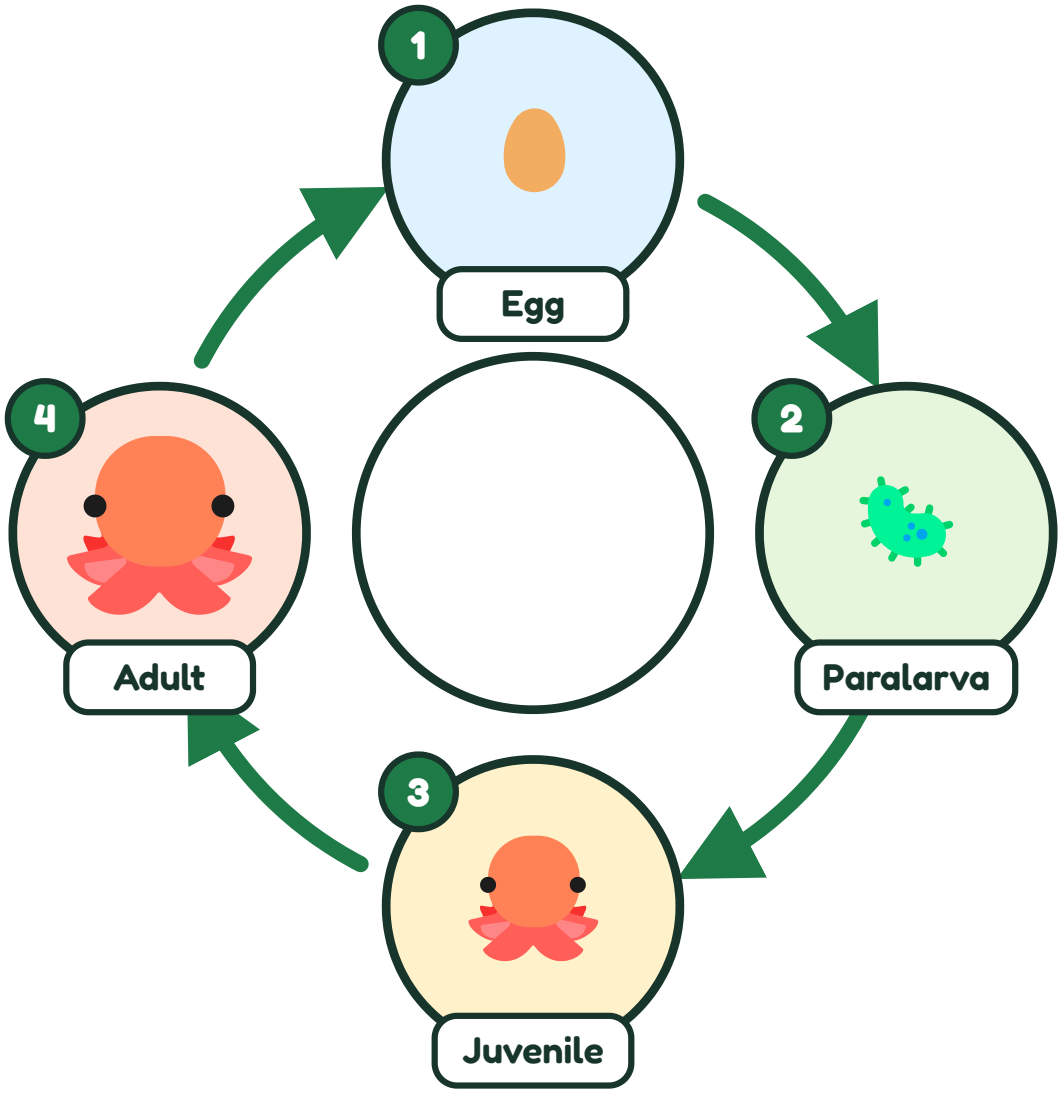
Match the word to its meaning

1. paralarva ____	A. tiny living things that float and drift with ocean currents
2. plankton ____	B. a newly hatched octopus that drifts in open water
3. brooding ____	C. breeding only once in a lifetime
4. semelparous ____	D. when a parent guards and cares for its eggs

Glue your cards in order on another sheet and draw arrows between them.

Answer Key

Octopus life cycle



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Word match: 1–B, 2–A, 3–D, 4–C