# Praying Mantis Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

## 1. Put the stages in order

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

☐ **Adult** – Adults have wings and hunt insects with their spiky front legs.

☐ **Nymph** – Nymphs hatch, look like small adults and molt to grow.

☐ **Egg** – A female lays eggs in a foamy case called an ootheca.

## 2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

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| **1. nymph** | A. a young insect that looks like a small adult |
| **2. molt** | B. shedding an old outer skin to grow bigger |
| **3. ootheca** | C. an egg case made by some insects |

## 3. Draw and label

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

## 4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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# Answer key

## Correct order

Egg → Nymph → Adult

## Word match

1–A, 2–B, 3–C

## Try this activity

Draw a mantis and label its front legs, eyes and wings. Act out how a mantis waits still, then strikes, and discuss how camouflage helps it hunt.

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