Salmon Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Adult** – Grown salmon return to their home river to spawn.
☐	**Alevin** – Hatchlings carry a yolk sac for food and hide in gravel.
☐	**Smolt** – They turn silver and swim downstream to the sea.
☐	**Fry and parr** – Young fish swim, feed and grow in the river.
☐	**Egg** – Salmon lay eggs in gravel nests in cold rivers.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. spawn	A. a very young fish
2. fry	B. a long journey animals make at certain times
3. migration	C. to lay eggs in water

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Alevin → Fry and parr → Smolt → Adult

Word match

1–C, 2–A, 3–B

Try this activity

Play a salmon migration game in the hall: children swim upstream past obstacles like bears and waterfalls. Discuss what helps or harms salmon on their journey.

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