Shark Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Adult** – Adult sharks are fully grown and can have young.
☐	**Juvenile** – Young sharks grow slowly, staying in safer shallow waters.
☐	**Egg or pup** – Some sharks lay egg cases; others give birth to live pups.
☐	**Pup** – Baby sharks are born ready to swim and hunt alone.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. predator	A. an animal that hunts other animals for food
2. mermaid's purse	B. the babies or young of a living thing
3. offspring	C. an empty shark or skate egg case

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg or pup → Pup → Juvenile → Adult

Word match

1–A, 2–C, 3–B

Try this activity

Look at pictures of mermaid's purses or find empty ones on a beach. Design your own egg case that would protect a baby shark, and explain how its shape keeps it safe on the seabed.

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