Tomato Hornworm Life Cycle Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Put the stages in order

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

☐	**Larva** – A big green caterpillar with a horn on its tail eats leaves fast.
☐	**Adult** – A large hawk moth, called a sphinx moth, comes out.
☐	**Pupa** – The caterpillar burrows into soil and forms a brown pupa.
☐	**Egg** – A moth lays round green eggs under tomato leaves.

2. Match the word to its meaning

Write the letter next to each word.

1. larva	A. a big change in body shape as an animal grows
2. pupa	B. resting stage where a larva changes into an adult
3. metamorphosis	C. the young, worm-like stage of some insects

3. Draw and label

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

4. Explain

What happens between the first and last stage?

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Answer key

Correct order

Egg → Larva → Pupa → Adult

Word match

1–C, 2–B, 3–A

Try this activity

Draw the hornworm's life cycle and the tomato plant together. Discuss why gardeners check leaves for hornworms, and how wasps that lay eggs on them help keep gardens healthy.

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