

Life Cycle Spinner

Duration: 10 min – 30 min

Suggested Age: 4-12

Supplies

- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers/Colored Pencils/Crayons
- Metal Brad or paper fastener
- Life Cycle Spinner Template (included below guide)

Steps

- Print out Life Cycle Spinner Template (included below guide) or draw your own on a blank piece of paper.
- Cut out Figure 1 and Figure 2
- Cut along dotted lines on Figure 1 to create a window for your lifecycle stages to show!
- Cut out lifecycle stages or draw your own!
- Glue or tape lifecycle stages in the circles that correspond to their number on Figure 2.
- Poke a hole through the black dots at the center of Figure 1 and Figure 2 using a metal brad or other kind of paper fastener, with Figure 1 on top of Figure 2.
- Enjoy learning about lots of different life cycles!

Explore Further

- At the Mayborn Museum, we have lots of animals and they all have different life cycles! We have turtles, snakes, fish, lizards, spiders, and snails! Can you draw their life cycle?
- Every living thing has a life cycle, the three below are only a couple examples! What other life cycles do you know?
- Have you seen any animals in your backyard or somewhere else outside? What stages do you think their life cycle includes? Can you draw them and put them on your spinner too?



- Plants have life cycles too! Can you make a life cycle for a plant in your backyard? What if you used real leaves and sticks from the plant? (Ask your grown-up for help with this)

Definitions

Life cycle: The series of changes an organism goes through during its life

Template

Figure 1.

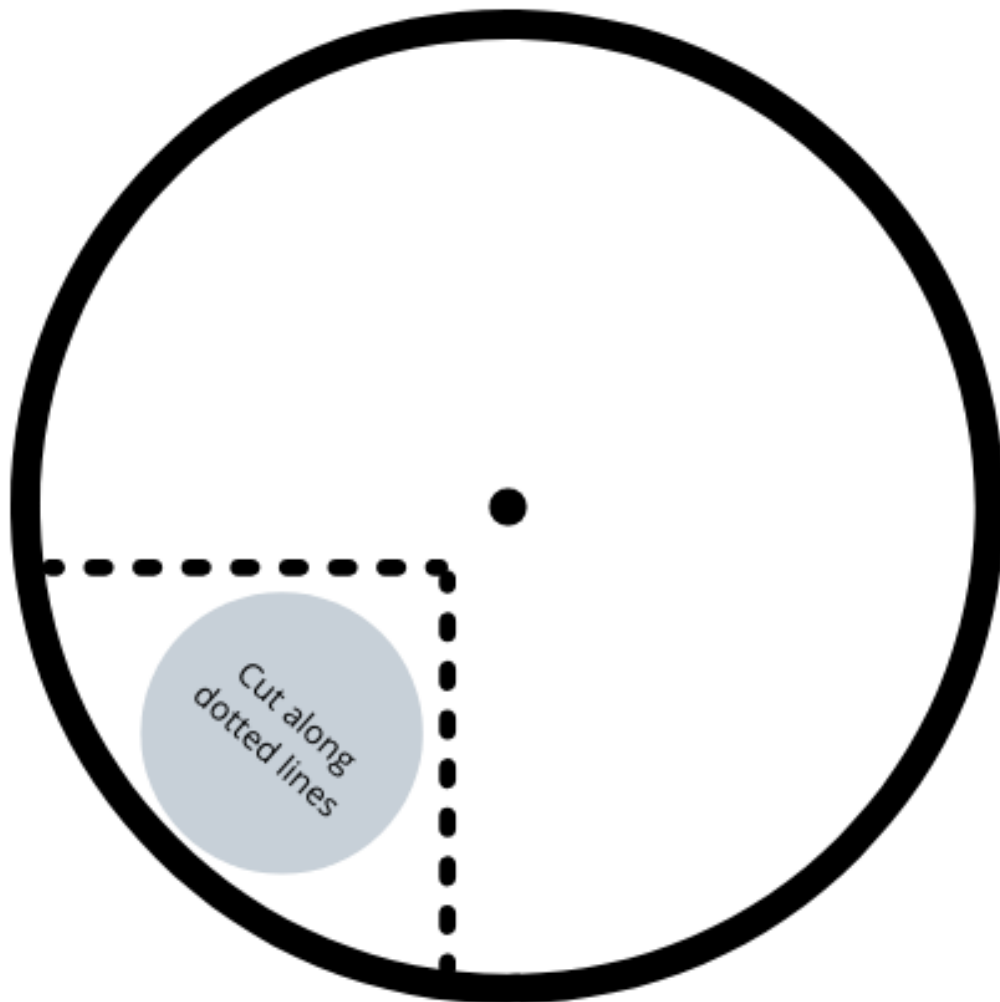
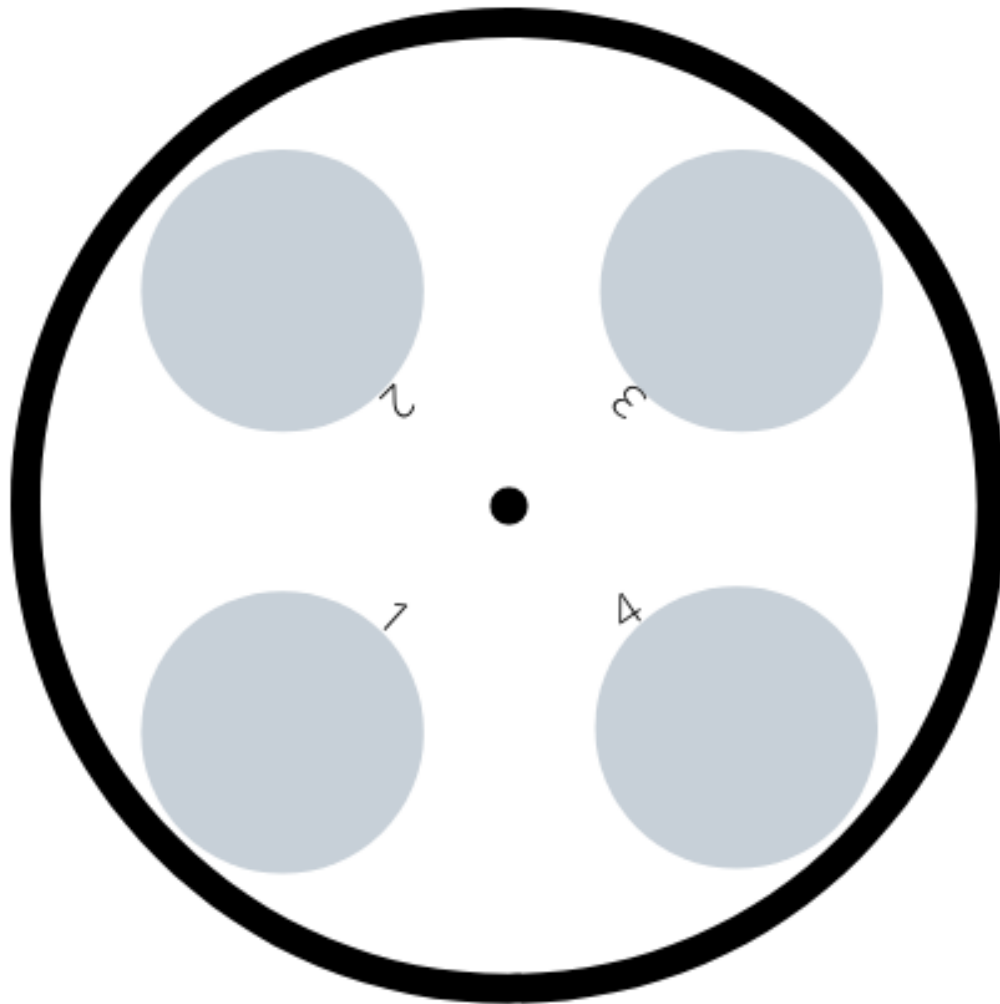
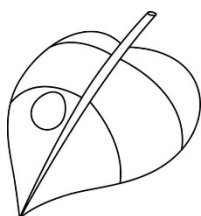


Figure 2.



Life Cycle Examples

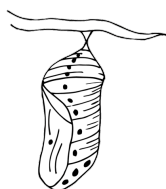
Butterfly



1. Egg



2. Caterpillar



3. Chrysalis



4. Butterfly

Frog



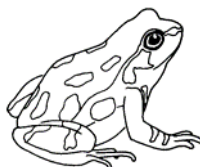
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2. Tadpole

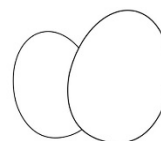


3. Frogling



4. Frog

Chicken



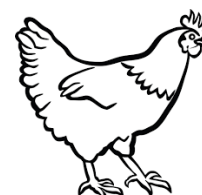
1. Egg



2. Hatchling



3. Chick



4. Chicken