

Year 3 - Life Cycles of Animals

All animals have a life cycle. A life cycle is the way an animal grows and changes during its life. Animals start life as babies and grow into adults.

As animals grow, their bodies change. These changes help animals move, find food, and stay safe. When animals become adults, they can reproduce and have babies of their own. This helps their species stay alive.

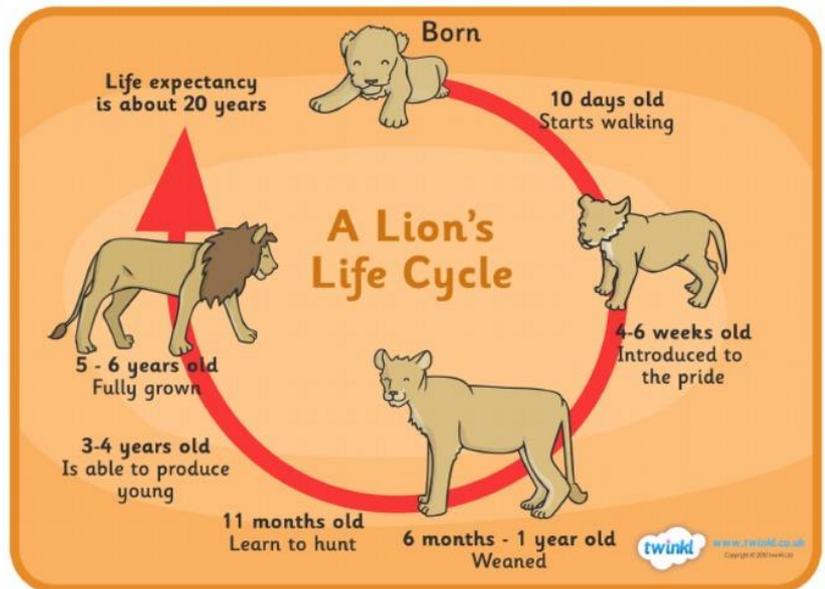
Animals need life cycles to survive. As they grow bigger, they learn how to find food and avoid danger. Some animals care for their young until they are ready to live on their own.

Learning about life cycles helps people understand animals better. Scientists use this knowledge to help look after animals and their homes. Farmers, wildlife carers, and park rangers also use life cycle knowledge to care for animals properly.

When people understand life cycles, they can help protect animals and the places they live. This helps animals stay safe now and in the future.

Glossary

- **Life cycle** – the stages a living thing goes through from birth to adulthood
- **Reproduce** – to make new living things of the same kind (species)
- **Stage** – one part of a life cycle
- **Habitat** – the natural home of a plant or animal



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