

Lesson Ideas

Curriculum Aim: Living Things and Their Habitats: Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

Success Criteria:

- I can explain what mammals, amphibians, insects and birds are.
- I know how to use and make a life cycle.
- I can identify differences in life cycles.

Resources:

- [Amphibian Life Cycle Photo Pack](#)
- [Insect Life Cycle Photo Pack](#)

Useful PowerPoints:

- [Life Cycles: Mammals, Amphibians, Insects and Birds PowerPoint](#)

Whole Class Demonstration Activity:

Show the children the [Amphibian Life Cycle Photo Pack](#). Ask different children to come up and put the cards in the right order. Repeat this activity with the [Insect Life Cycle Photo Pack](#).

Ask the children what they know about life cycles and their purpose.

Show the [Life Cycles: Mammals, Amphibians, Insects and Birds PowerPoint](#)

To extend the children's learning, they may wish to compare and contrast the life cycles of other living things, such as reptiles or plants.

Independent or Paired Work:

Here are some activities designed to compare life cycles:

- [Differentiated Life Cycles Worksheets](#)
- Life Cycles Activity Sheets