



Life cycles and the Irish year

6th Class

Print and cut along the dashed lines, then hand one card to each group. These carry the **text a group reads** — a job to do, a brief to research, or notes to identify by. They are not sorted or sequenced, so there is nothing to match on screen.

Frog spawn

Soft jelly eggs laid in pond water. This is the egg stage. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Tadpole

A young frog that lives in water, swims with a tail and has no legs yet. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Froglet

A small frog that has grown legs. The tail is shrinking as it changes. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Adult frog

A full-grown frog that can live on land and in water. Adult frogs can breed, and new spawn begins the cycle again

Egg

A tiny egg laid on a leaf. This is the start of the butterfly cycle. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Caterpillar

The larva stage. It eats leaves and grows quickly. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Chrysalis

The pupa stage. The body is changing inside a hard case. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Adult butterfly

A winged insect that can fly, feed and lay new eggs

Acorn

The seed of the oak tree. It can grow if conditions are right. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Seedling

A young oak just starting out, with a thin stem and a few small leaves. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Sapling

A young tree that is taller and stronger but not yet fully grown. 🌱 🌱

Mature oak

A full-grown oak that can produce new acorns

