

# Vocabulary

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## Lesson: How is your life like an alligator's life?

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| <b>birth</b>         | a stage in the life cycle of every living thing that is the beginning of its life                                       |
| <b>chrysalis</b>     | a stage between larva and adult for animals that go through metamorphosis, specifically for butterflies                 |
| <b>cycle</b>         | a set of events that repeats in the same order over and over  |
| <b>death</b>         | a stage in the life cycle of every living thing that marks the end of its life  |
| <b>growth</b>        | a stage in the life cycle of every living thing when a baby grows to an adult   |
| <b>life cycle</b>    | the stages of life, including birth, growth, reproduction, and death  |
| <b>life stage</b>    | one of the steps of the life cycle  |
| <b>metamorphosis</b> | a process where an animal's body transforms dramatically, such as a caterpillar turning into a butterfly                |
| <b>offspring</b>     | babies  |
| <b>pattern</b>       | something that can be observed again and again and again in a way that can be predicted                                 |
| <b>reproduction</b>  | a stage in the life cycle of living things when they have offspring   |
| <b>swamp</b>         | a habitat covered in water and filled with many trees   |
| <b>timeline</b>      | a picture that shows the passing of time as a line, often with events labeled along the line in the order they happened |

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