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Dragonfly

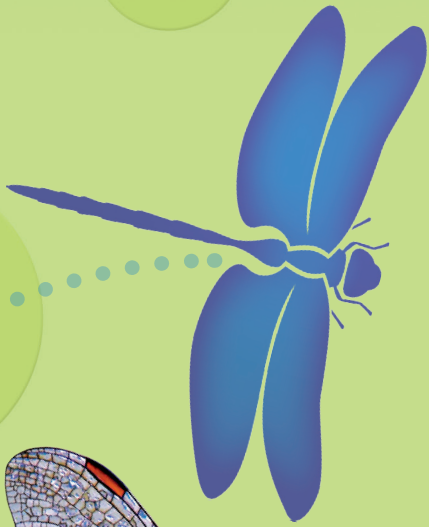
Fly up. Fly down. Zig right. Zag left.
A dragonfly darts all around.
Learn more about this insect.



flies

Explore Wildlife





Dragonflies have large eyes. They have a long body with four wings and six legs.

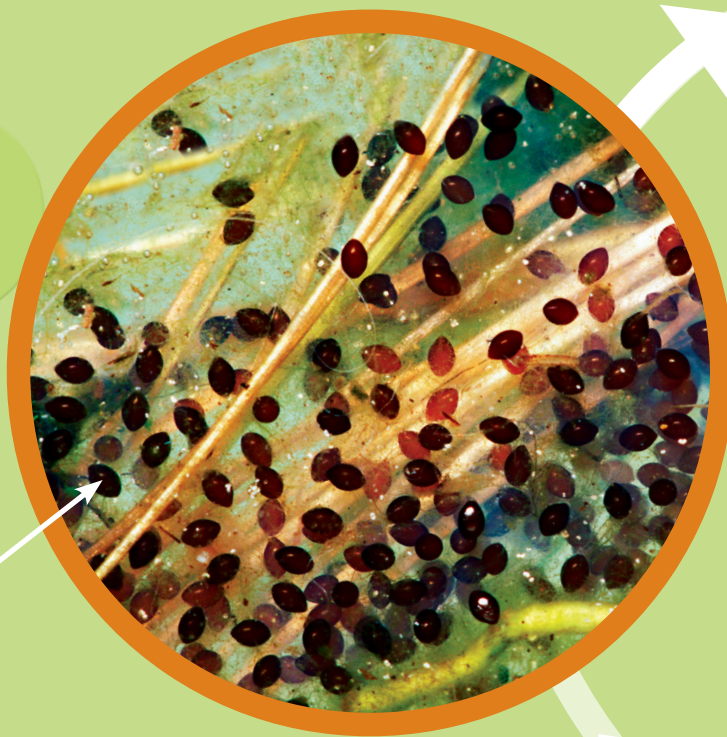


They fly fast and are good hunters.
They eat flies, bees, and other bugs.

A Dragonfly Growth

A dragonfly changes as it grows.

1 A female dragonfly lays many eggs in water.



egg



4 The larva's skin splits. An adult dragonfly breaks out. Now, it has wings to fly.



rows



2 Each egg hatches. A young dragonfly, or larva, comes out. It lives in water.



3 The larva grows in water. Then it climbs out. It rests on a plant. Soon, it will change again.



Water is on the go. See how it moves and changes forms.

Water All



ll Around

ocean



**You can see
Earth's big,
blue oceans
from space.**

Water covers most of Earth. Almost all of Earth's water is in its four oceans. Ocean water moves in waves.



Water flows down rivers, too.
It fills ponds and lakes.



lake

Water can change. It has three forms.
It can be a liquid, solid, or gas.

liquid



Liquid water flows.
The water you drink
is a liquid.



solid



If liquid water gets
cold, it can freeze.
It turns into a solid,
like ice.



gas



If liquid water gets
hot, it can change into
a gas. Steam is a gas.

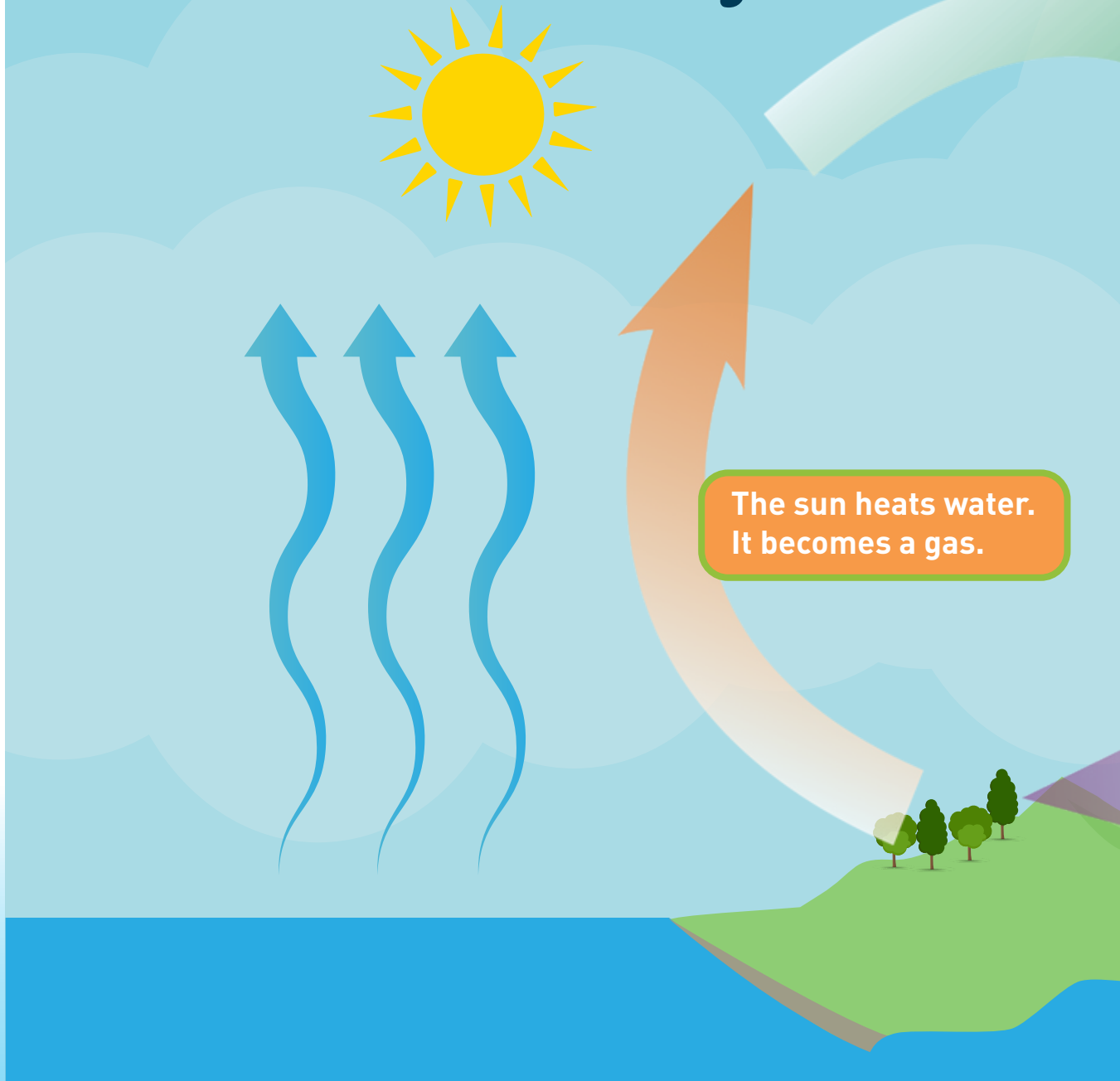




waterfall

Water moves between the land and air. It moves as a liquid, solid, or gas. The way it moves is called the water cycle.

The Water Cycle



The sun heats water.
It becomes a gas.

The sun heats water in oceans, rivers, and lakes. It becomes a gas. It rises into the sky. The gas cools. It turns into drops of water.

The gas cools. It turns
into drops of water.
Drops form clouds.



Water falls from clouds.

The drops of water form clouds.
The drops get bigger and bigger.
They fall back to Earth as rain or snow.

Too Many Snails



This is a story about farmers, snails, and ducks.
The farmers are Molly and John.



Solve Problems



Molly and John
Chester are the
farmers in the film
*The Biggest
Little Farm.*

Molly and John raise animals. Sheep, chickens, and ducks live on the farm.



sheep



chicken



ducks



oranges

Molly and John grow plants. They grow vegetables. They grow fruits, like oranges and lemons. The fruits grow on trees.

One day, Molly and John found snails in their orchard. The snails were eating the tree leaves. This hurt the fruit trees.

An **orchard** is a place where people grow fruit trees.

lemons

snails





Molly and John tried to pick the snails off the trees. That did not work. There were too many snails. The snails were a problem.

Then Molly and John had an idea.
They moved the ducks from the pond
into the orchard. They figured out what
ducks love more than ponds. Snails!



Molly and John solved the snail problem.
The ducks ate up many of the snails!
This helped the fruit trees grow.



Think of a
time you had a
problem. How did
you solve it?

Words to Explore

Say each word out loud. Match each word to a picture and meaning. Check your answers.

adult
gas (water vapor)

cycle
larva



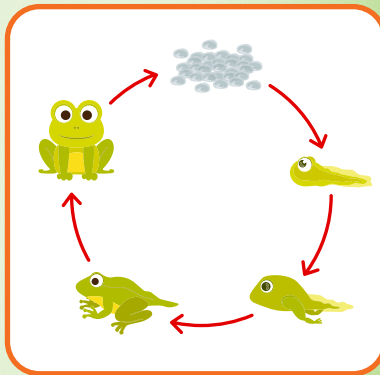
1 a young form of an insect



2 a fully grown animal



3 a substance that is like air and has no fixed shape



4 events or actions that happen again and again in the same order

Answers: 1. larva; 2. adult; 3. gas (water vapor); 4. cycle

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