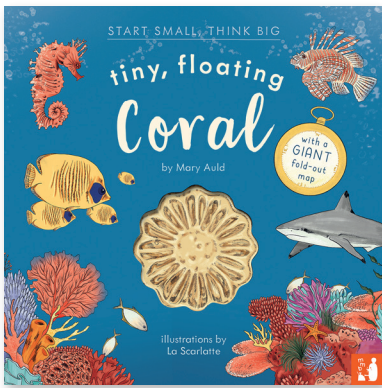


Activity 2



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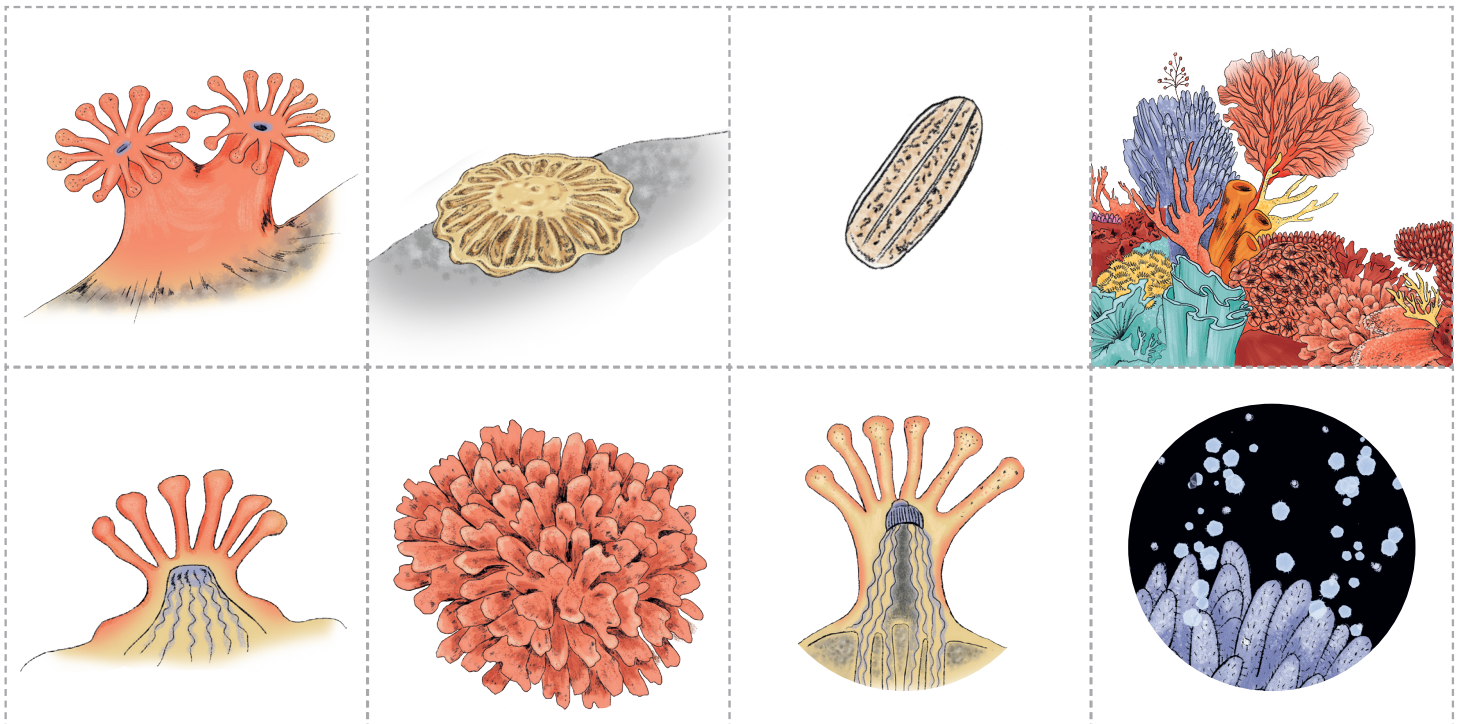
LIFE CYCLE OF A CORAL

Lead-in activity

Tiny, Floating Coral tells the story of the life cycle of a coral reef. When you read the story, stress the different stages as you read from tiny floating planula, the metamorphosis to a polyp, the splitting of the polyp and how coral spawns.

Main activity

Print out both pages and help the children to cut out the pictures. The challenge is to put them in the correct order in the coral's life cycle on the worksheet, and then to label each stage using the word bank. Encourage them to write the labels, or they can cut out the words to stick on.



Word bank

floating planula

adult polyp

polyp splits

colony

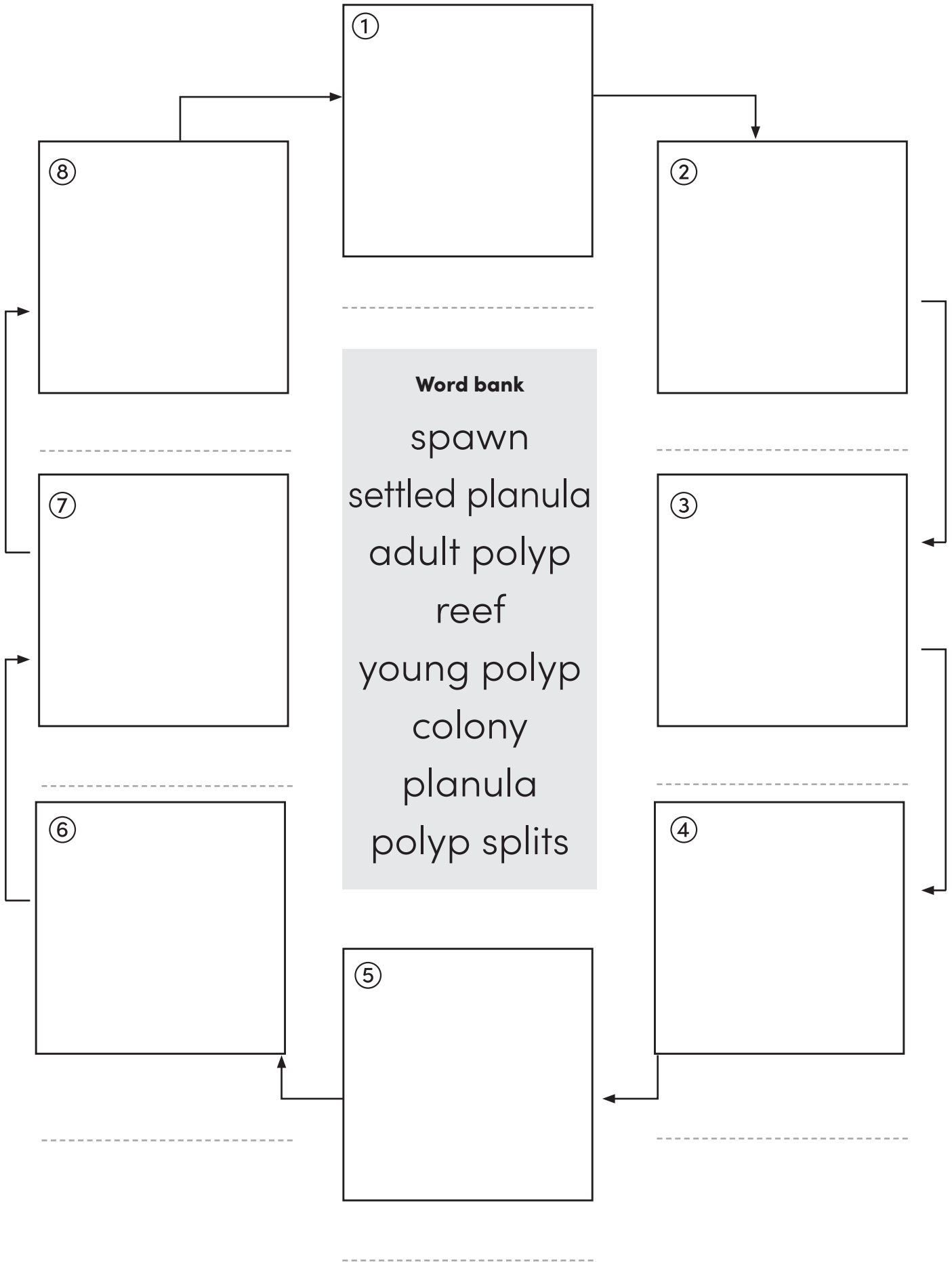
settled planula

spawn

reef

young polyp

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