

# Life Cycle Match Up

Inspired by *The Little Lobster* by W. Thomas Hotz.

**Goal:** Compare the life cycles of a lobster and a butterfly to explore how living things grow and change over time.

## You will need:

- Access to a computer or library books
- Paper
- Crayons, color pencils, and/or markers

## What to do:

- Look at pictures of the life cycles of both a butterfly and a lobster. You might use a computer or books from the library.
- While you look at the pictures, talk about what happens first, next, and last in each life cycle.
- Try to find one big change that happens during each cycle.
- Draw each stage of the life cycles.
- Number and arrange the stages in the correct order, adding arrows to show the progression. Label important body parts in the model.
- Write or draw a short story about a baby lobster or caterpillar growing up.

## To think about:

- What changes as living things grow? What stays the same?
- How is a baby lobster different from an adult lobster?
- How is a caterpillar different from a butterfly?
- What patterns do you notice in animal life cycles?

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