

## Vocabulary for Cycles In Nature

**axis, n.** A real or imaginary central line around which an object spins

**cycle, n.** The period of time it takes to complete a sequence of events

**rotating, v.** Turning around a central point

**thrive, v.** When a living thing grows and develops well

**equator, n.** An imaginary line that divides Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres

**hemisphere, n.** Half of Earth as divided north and south by the equator or east and west by the Prime Meridian.

**revolves, v.** Moves in a circular path or orbit around an object

**tilt, v.** To slant or place at an angle

**absorbed, v.** Something that has been taken in and soaked up

**adapt, v.** To adjust or change to better suit one's environment

**migrate, v.** To move from one area to another based on the seasons

**minimum, n.** The least amount possible

**photosynthesis, n.** the process in green plants that uses light to turn water and air into food when the plant is exposed to sunlight

**attracted, v.** To make someone or something interested in someone or something else

**emerge, v.** To come out into view; to become visible

**pollinators, n.** Something that carries pollen to a plant to enable pollination to occur

**protective, adj.** Intended to protect or shelter something or someone

**reproduce, v.** To make babies or new plants

**decomposers, n.** Various life forms and organisms that help dead matter to break down and decay

**dependent, adj.** Requiring something or someone's support

**flexible, adj.** Able to bend and move easily

**germination, n.** The process in which a plant begins to grow or sprout

**mature, adj.** Fully grown

**albumen, n.** The white part inside an egg

**embryo, n.** An unborn or unhatched animal or person

**fertilize, v.** To make an egg able to grow and develop into a baby

**replenished, v.** Replaced or refilled

**yolk, n.** The yellow, internal part of a hen's egg

**amphibian, n.** An animal that can live on both land and water

**burrow, v.** To make a hole or passage into or under something

**gills, n.** The parts of an aquatic animal used to breathe underwater

**lungs, n.** A pair of breathing organs located within the rib cage that remove carbon dioxide from and bring oxygen to the blood

**metamorphosis, n.** The process by which some young animals change physical form as they become adults

**larva, n.** The early form of an insect that is not completely developed

**molt, v.** To shed an outer layer

**transparent, adj.** Clear; able to see through

**evaporation, n.** The process by which a liquid changes into a gas

**condensation, n.** The process by which a gas changes into a liquid

**humidity, n.** The amount of moisture or water vapor in the air

**precipitation, n.** Water that falls from the sky as rain, snow, sleet, or hail