

Vocabulary



adult the stage in an insect's life cycle that lays eggs

An adult mealworm is a beetle.

egg the first stage in the life cycle of many organisms

Adult mealworm beetles lay eggs.

habitat the place where an organism lives

An organism's habitat gives it the food, water, and space it needs.

larva a worm-like stage in the life cycle of some insects

Mealworms are not real worms.

life cycle the changes that an organism goes through during its life

A mealworm changes from an egg to a larva to a pupa to an adult beetle.

pupa the stage in an insect life cycle when a larva changes to an adult

A mealworm pupa does not move very much and does not eat.