

Special Ed

**BUSY
SPRING**

**NATURE
WAKES UP**

Literacy Unit



Special Needs for Special Kids

ALSO INCLUDES GOOGLE SLIDES



These literacy units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers**. This is a great way to expose all students to some great books.

Busy Spring

Literacy Unit for Special Education

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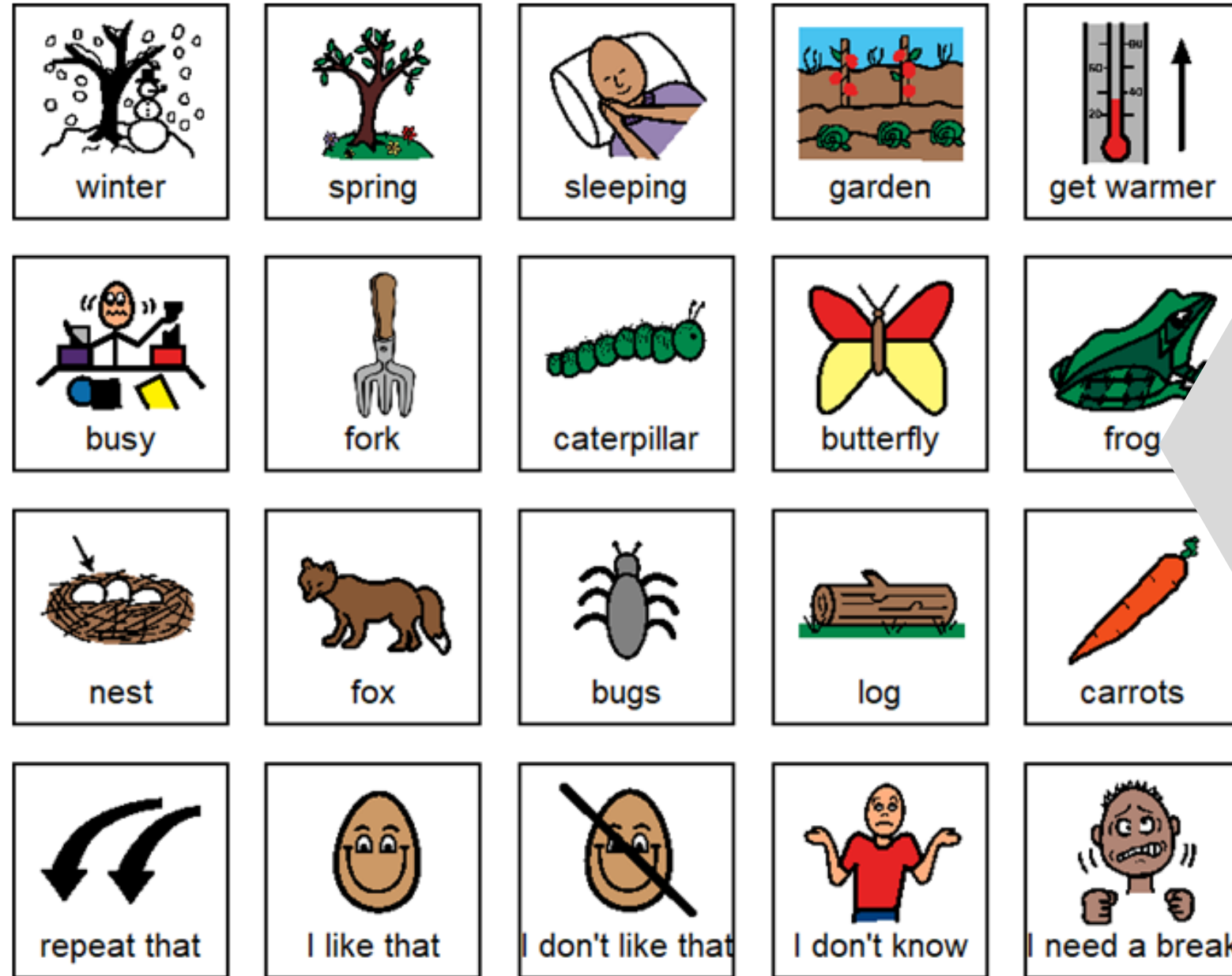
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This unit has **33 pages plus 18 google slides**. There are 6 activities to go with this book to last a full week of instruction.

There are 2 separate files, one in color and one in black and white.



This unit comes with a storyboard.

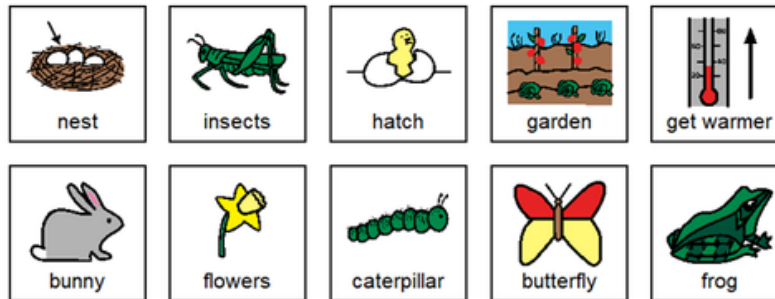
Storyboards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

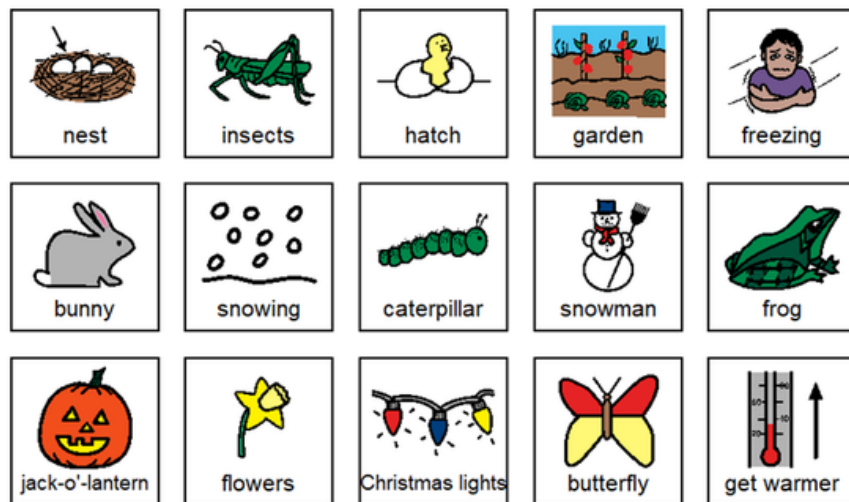
What are some signs spring is waking up?

Errorless version

Place some things in the circle map about spring waking up.

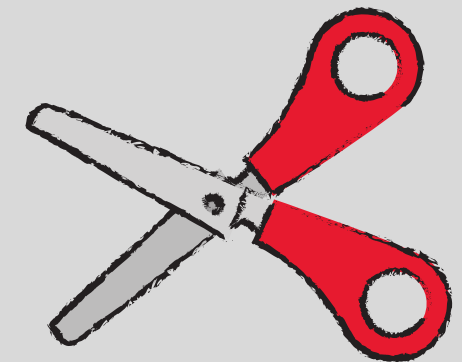


Place the following on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are signs spring is waking up.



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There is a circle map showing some ways spring wakes up. There is an option that only has correct answers and one that has wrong answers mixed in.



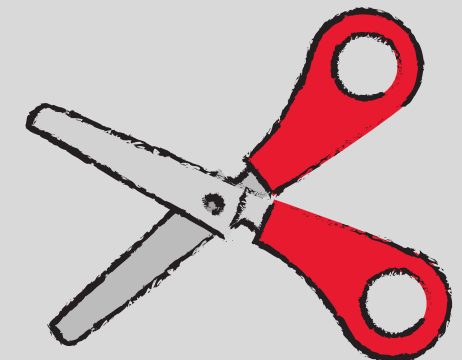
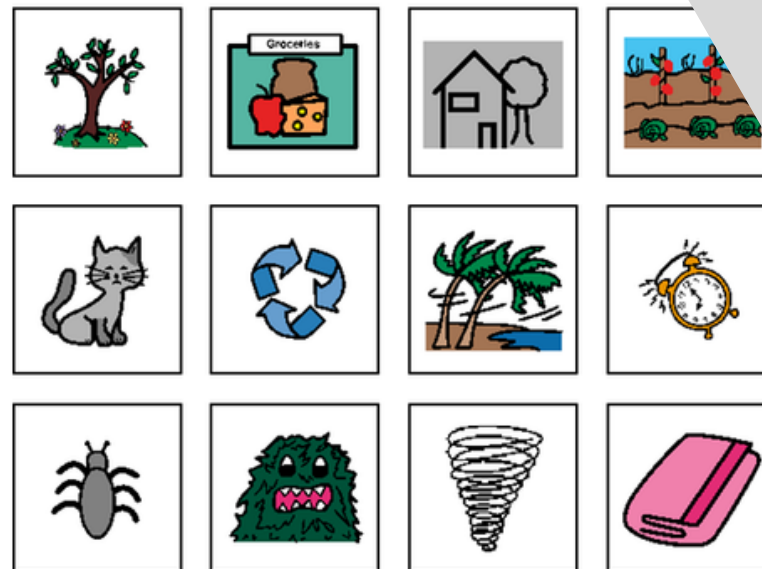
Find the two things being compared in each metaphor below.

The hurricane was a monster.	The kitten was a tornado.
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The fog was a blanket over the city.	Spring is nature's alarm clock.
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The garden would be our grocery store.	Insects are nature's recyclers.
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There are metaphors in this book. In this activity, students will find the two things being compared in each metaphor. Color-coding can be added for differentiation.

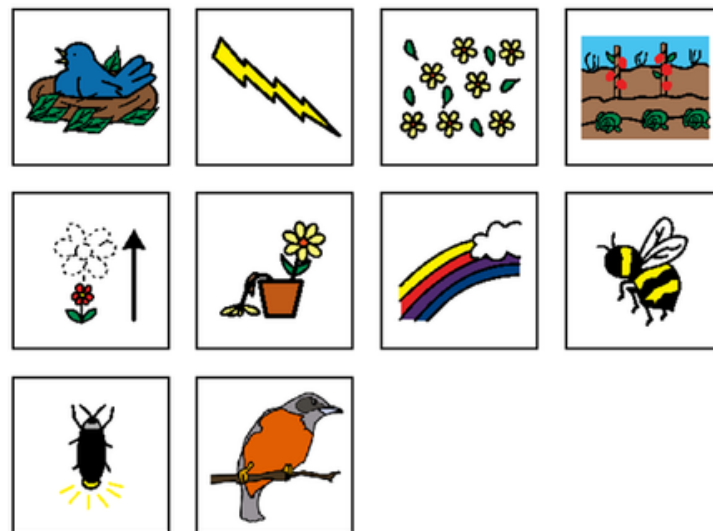
Match the pictures with the metaphors.



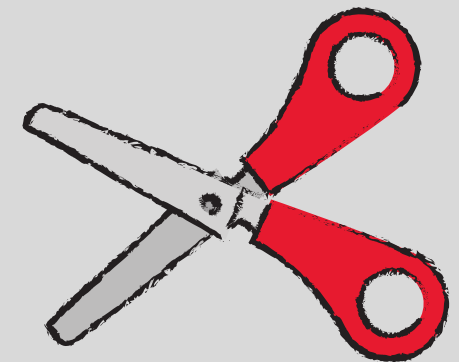
Match the picture that goes best with each example of personification.

The rainbow painted color across the sky.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The lightning danced across the sky.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The garden was sleeping in the winter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The bee flew by in a hurry.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The birds chattered in the trees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The plants raced to get more light.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The flowers were begging for some water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The petals came dancing down.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The fireflies winked to me in the woods.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The robin told me spring was coming.	<input type="checkbox"/>

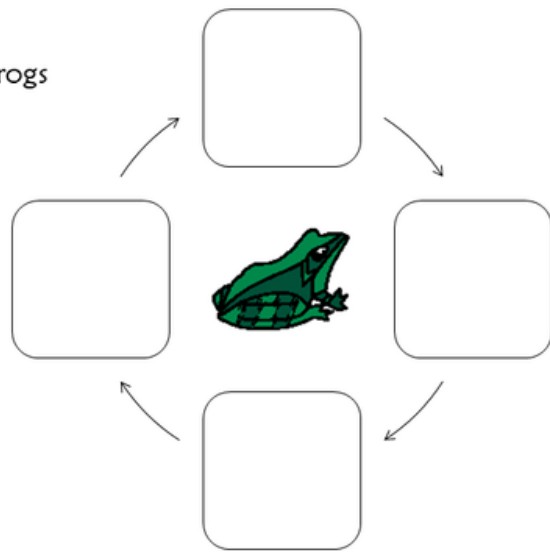
Match the picture with the personification.



There is personification used in this book. In this activity, students will find the object being described in each example of personification. Color-coding can be added for differentiation.

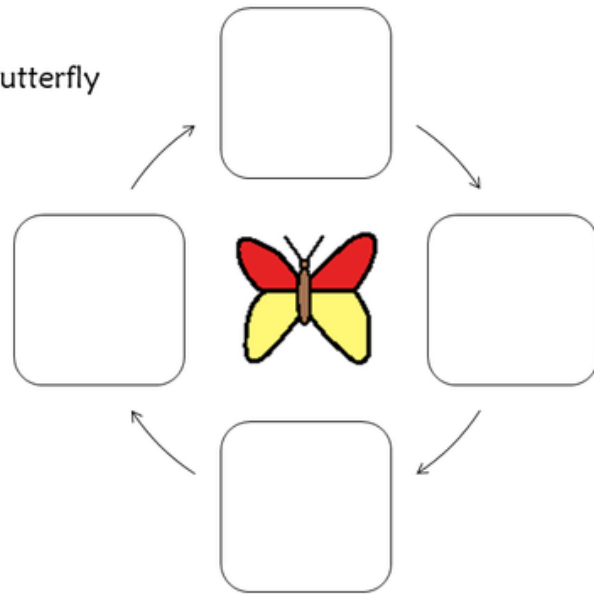


Life cycle: Frogs



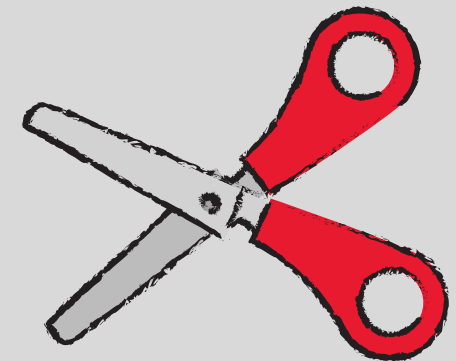
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Life cycle: Butterfly



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There are 2 lifecycles included. One is for frogs and one is for butterflies. Each one has the option to use photos or pictures symbols. Suggestions for differentiation are included.



Busy Spring

I spring. It is such a busy time as nature wakes up.

You can hear lots of in the spring.

You will see lots of getting ready in the spring.

are busy growing bigger.

Even are busy in the spring.

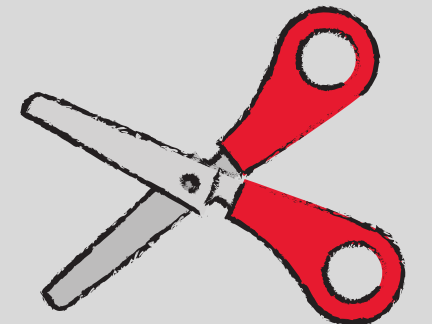


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love	like	don't like	hate	wait
birds	crickets	thunder	mowers	
rabbits	chicks	butterflies	flowers	bumble bees
Ducklings	Chicks	Flowers	Baby cows	Lambs
worms	beetles	ants	bees	caterpillars

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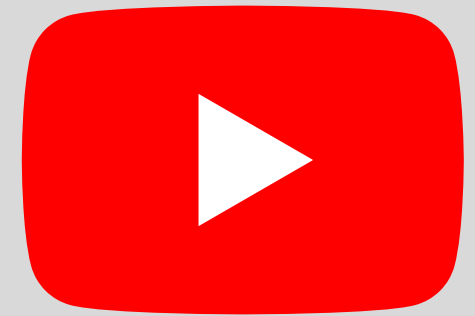
Students will write a story about the signs of Busy Spring. This is an errorless activity that allows students to write their own story independently.



Listen to the
book Busy
Spring read
aloud



*There is a video of the
book read aloud. This is
a video from YouTube.*



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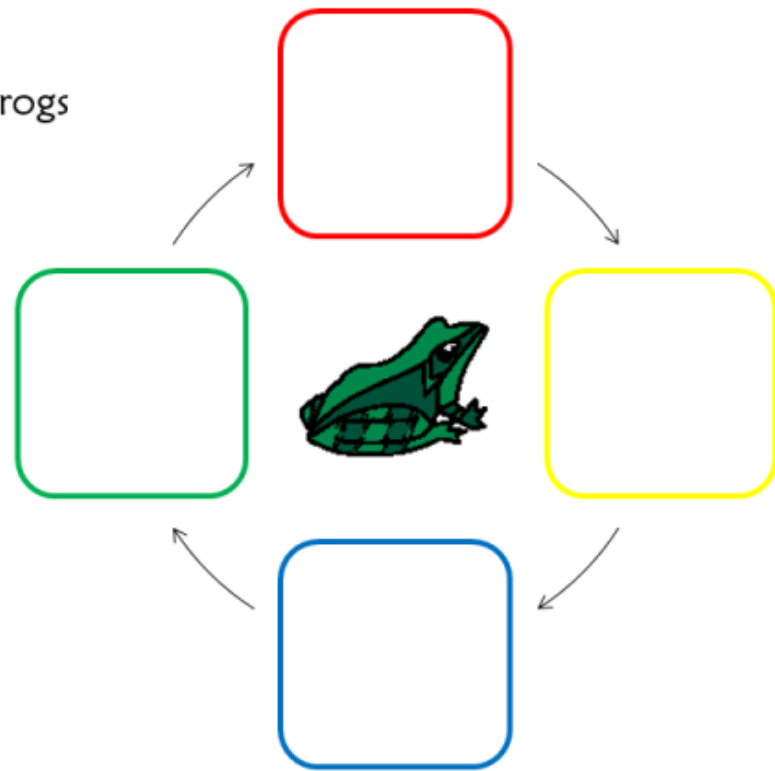
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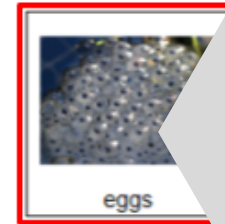


There are digital versions of the activities included. Students click and drag the answers.

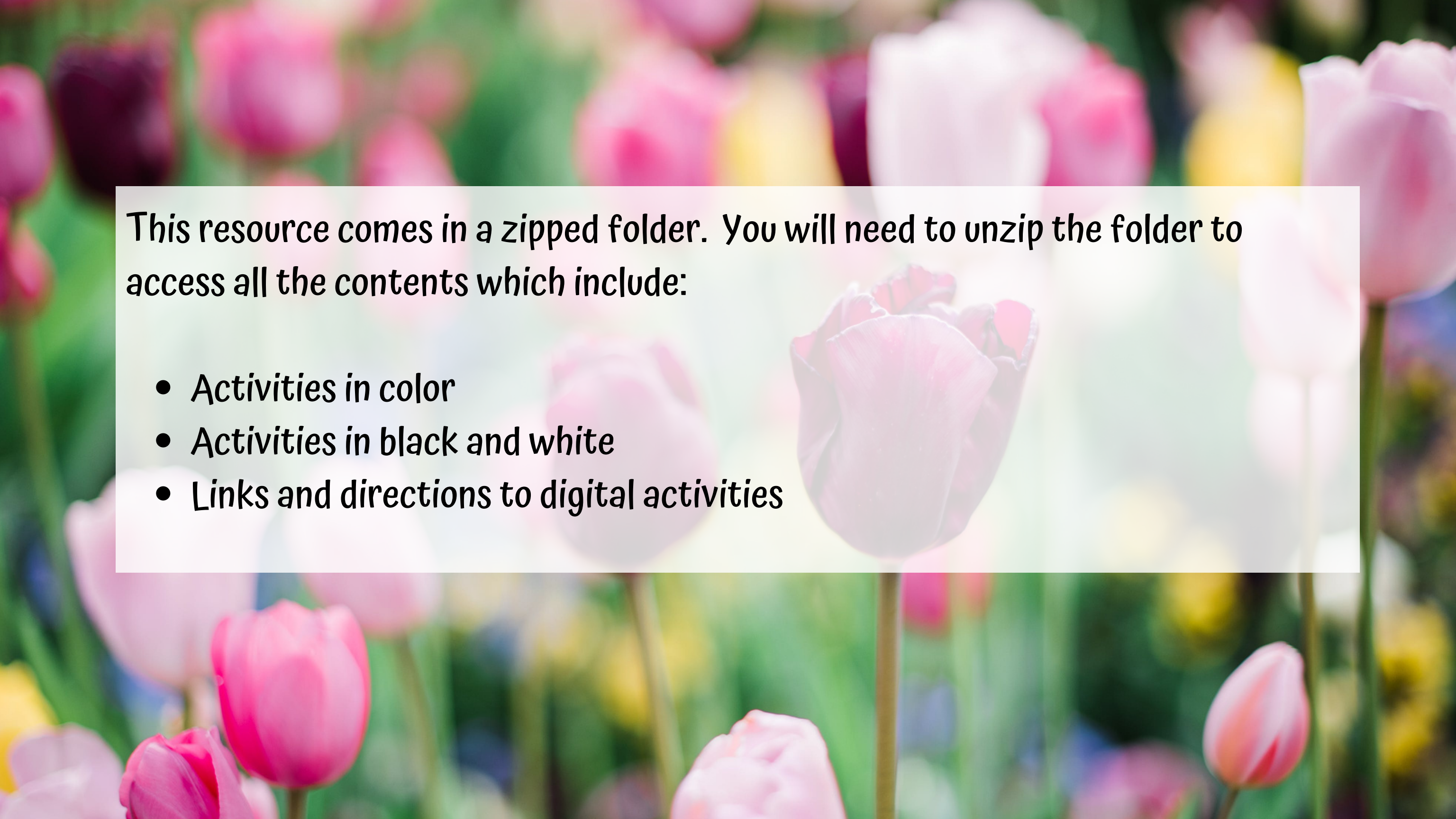
Life cycle: Frogs



Place the picture in the correct order.



There are 2 sets, one that includes differentiation shown here.



This resource comes in a zipped folder. You will need to unzip the folder to access all the contents which include:

- ***Activities in color***
- ***Activities in black and white***
- ***Links and directions to digital activities***