

Simple Life Cycles

Note-taking Guide - Answer Key

*simple, platypus, resemble, reproduces, young, birds, grow, life cycle,
hatch, parents, adults*

The offspring resemble the adult. They will grow up and have young that also resemble them.

Such a cycle where an organism is born, grows up, and reproduces is called a life cycle.

We say a pig has a simple life cycle because the young ones resemble the adult. Most mammals, fish, birds, and reptiles have simple life cycles.

It is the platypus, and it is found in Australia. Like baby birds, the young platypuses also hatch from eggs and look like smaller versions of their parents.

Some day, they too will grow up and have baby platypuses. The platypus also has a simple life cycle because the young resemble the adults.