

Wheel of Life

OBJECTIVE

- To familiarize students with the stages of a typical agaric lifecycle.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Refer to background information on page 32

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

- Copy the handout Wheel of Life on page 54 for each student.
- Have the students cut out the six puzzle pieces and arrange them in the order that reflects the agaric lifecycle. When completed correctly, the pieces fit into a circle in order from spores through germination to mycelium to mushroom, and back to spores. See page 37 for solution.
- You may decide to have students colour the puzzle pieces and glue them onto construction paper.
- Students may label each stage of the agaric's life cycle. You could call out various characteristics present at a certain stage of the life cycle and have students name the stage it represents or have them tell you the story of the lifecycle as they assemble their puzzle.
- A great book that shows the mushrooms lifecycle is Barrie Watts' Mushroom 1986. See Sources and Resources page 90.

Activity 2.1



GRADES

K-4

TYPE OF ACTIVITY

Simple Puzzle

MATERIALS

- copies of page 36
- pencil crayons, crayons, or markers
- glue
- scissors
- construction paper (optional)

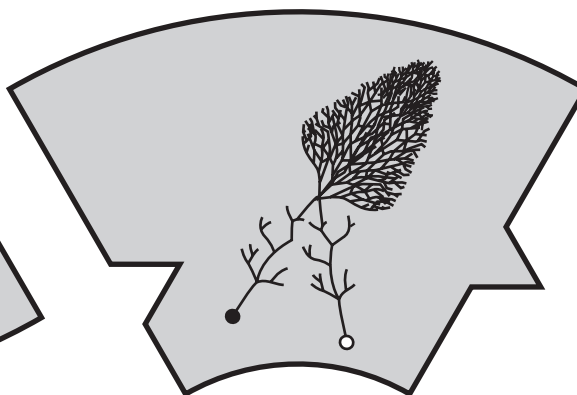
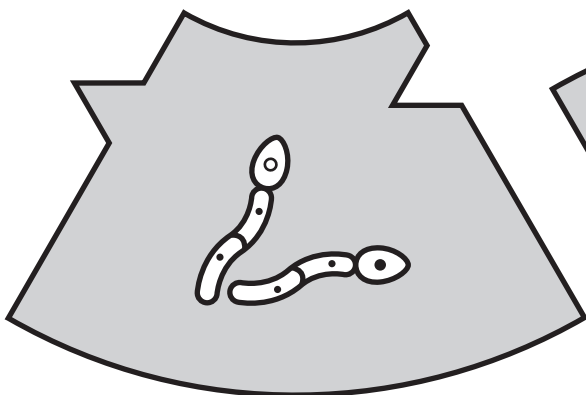
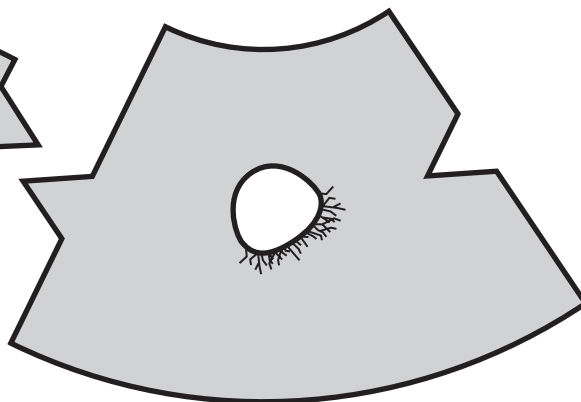
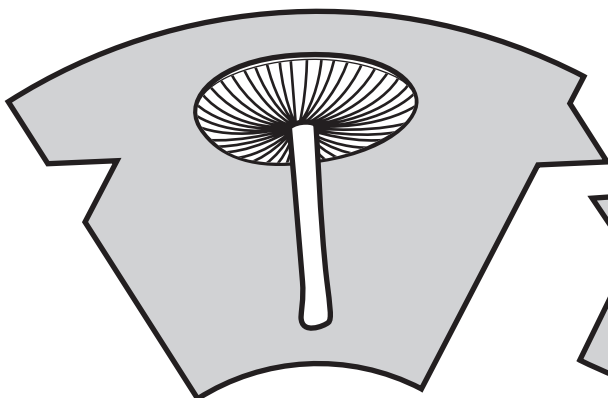
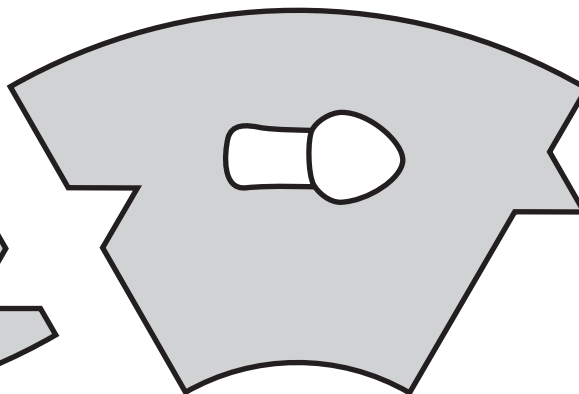
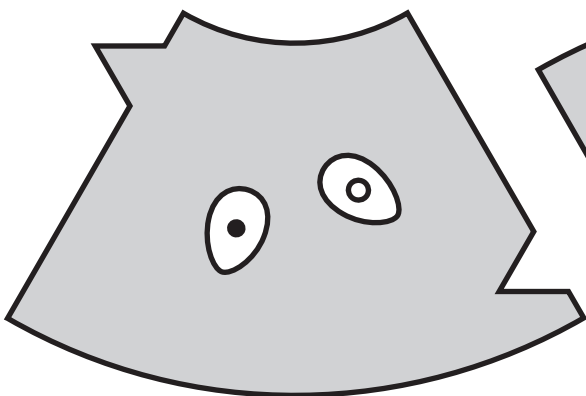
VOCABULARY

agaric
button
germination
mycelium
mushroom
primordium
spores



Directions ▶

Cut out the six puzzle pieces and place them in the order that shows a gilled mushroom's lifecycle.



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