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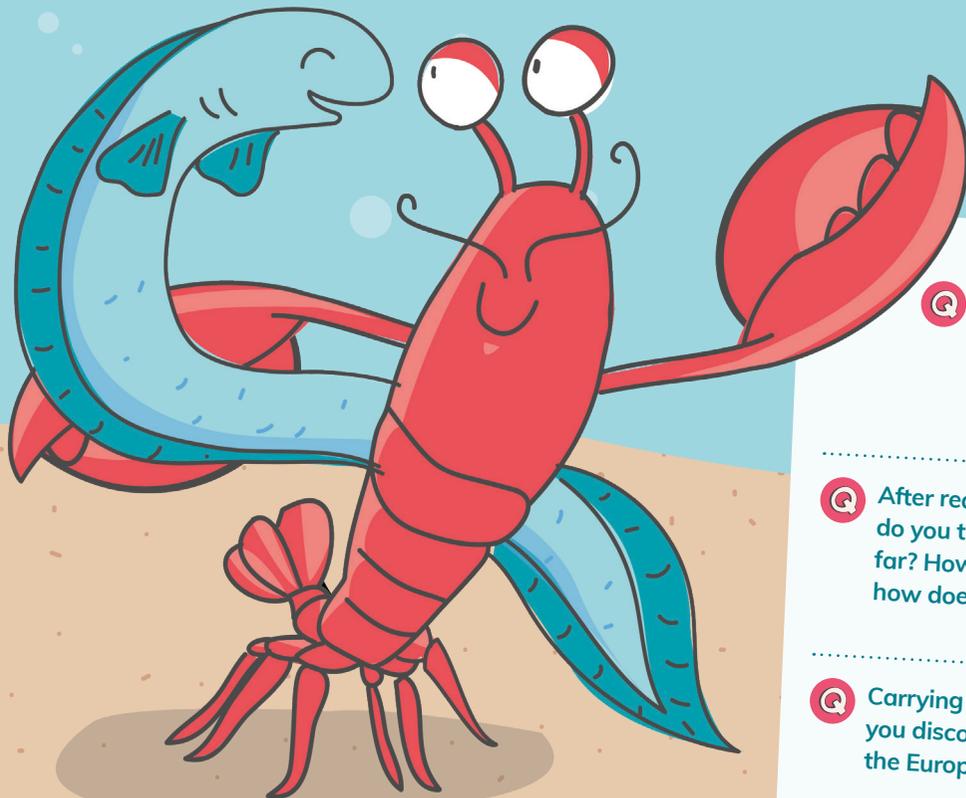
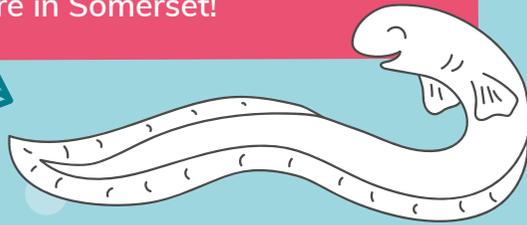
## EEL LIFE CYCLE

### Extreme-eely rare!

Did you know... There are fewer European eels than the rare red panda? That's really rare! We must protect them, and they're right here in Somerset!

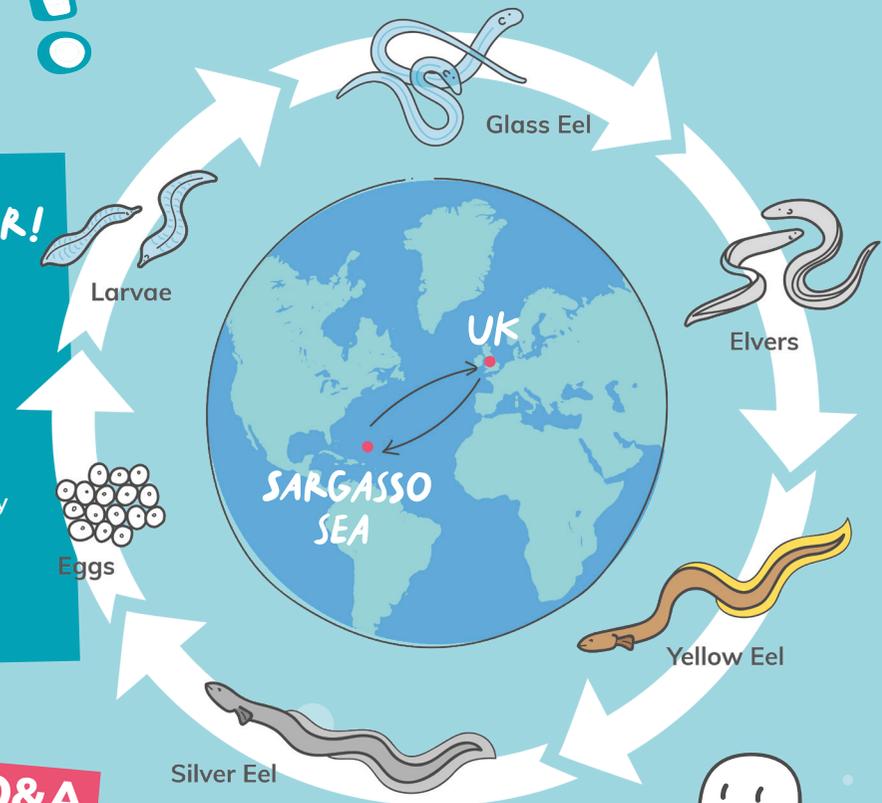
### Colour me in!

As eels are colour changing, how pretty can you make me?



### GLOBETROTTER!

When they grow up into **adult silver eels** they migrate thousands of miles back out to the **Sargasso Sea** – all the way near North America – where they spawn, lay eggs and then the life cycle repeats!



### Quick-fire Q&A

Q European eels do not have backbones. Does this make them a vertebrate or an invertebrate?

Q After reading about the eels' life cycle, do you think they can travel very far? How far have you travelled and how does this compare to eels?

Q Carrying out your own research, can you discover the average life span of the European eels?

Young eels (**elvers**) are transparent (see-through), like baby ghosts. As they get older, they become darker in colour, turning yellow and then silver!



### It's a fact!

Bristol Water has made special eel passing points at **Blagdon Lake** so they can safely swim through the sharp bristles and plants in the water without getting hurt!