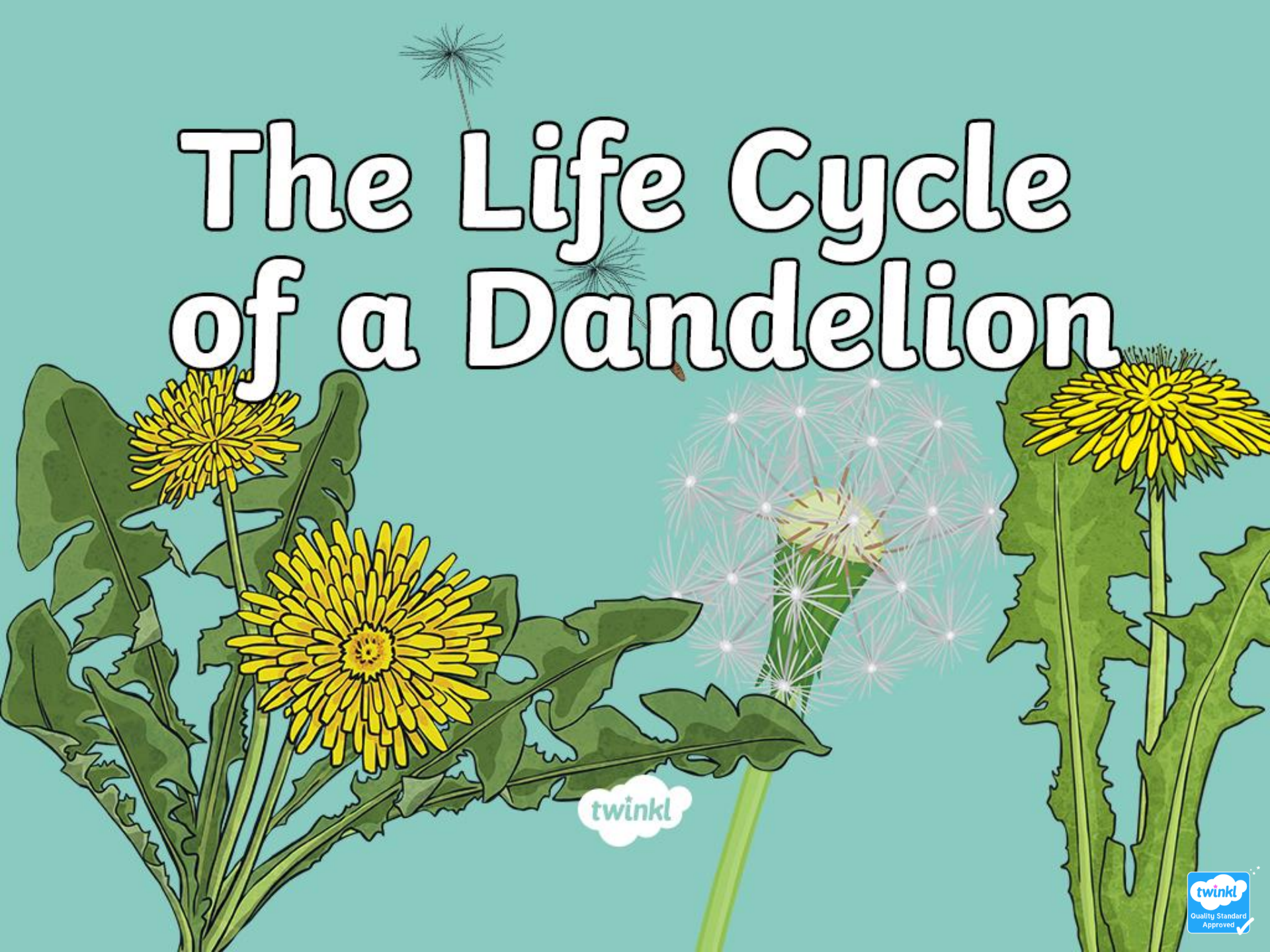


# The Life Cycle of a Dandelion



**Dandelions go through many changes throughout their life. This is called the life cycle of a dandelion.**



# Life Cycle of a Dandelion

Each dandelion will begin its life as a seed. Dandelion seeds are spread by the wind. When the conditions are right, the seed will begin to sprout. The roots will push down into the soil and start to grow.



Stage 1  
Germination

# Life Cycle of a Dandelion



Stage 2  
Dandelion Plant

The young dandelion plant will then push up through the ground as it searches for sunlight. The plant will grow stronger as it gets nutrients from the soil. Buds and leaves will begin to grow.

# Life Cycle of a Dandelion

In the next stage of the life cycle, the bright flowers of the dandelion plant will begin to bloom.

They can be yellow or orange in colour.

The flower heads open during the day and close during the night.



Stage 3  
Dandelion Flowers

# Life Cycle of a Dandelion



Stage 4  
Seed Head

The flower will gradually change into a seed head. This can take up to 15 days to happen.

The seed head is shaped like a puffy, white ball.

One seed head can contain up to 100 seeds.

# Life Cycle of a Dandelion

The last stage in the dandelion's life cycle happens when the seeds are blown off and spread by the wind. The new seeds will become dandelion plants if they can find suitable soil to grow in.



Stage 5  
Seed Dispersal



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