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1.

An interval of time during which a characteristic, often regularly repeated event or sequence of events occurs: Sunspots increase and decrease in intensity in an 11-year cycle.

2.

a.

A single complete execution of a periodically repeated phenomenon: A year constitutes a cycle of the seasons.

b.

A periodically repeated sequence of events: the cycle of birth, growth, and death; a cycle of reprisal and retaliation.

3.

The orbit of a celestial body.

4.

5.**a.**

The aggregate of traditional poems or stories organized around a central theme or hero: the Arthurian cycle.

b.

A series of poems or songs on the same theme: Schubert's song cycles.

6.

A bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle.

7. Botany

A circular or whorled arrangement of flower parts such as those of petals or sepals.

8. Baseball

The achievement of hitting a single, double, triple, and home run in a single game.

v. cy•cled, cy•cling, cy•cles v. intr.

1.

To occur in or pass through a cycle.

2.

To move in or as if in a cycle.

3.

To ride a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle.

v. tr.

To use in or put through a cycle: cycled the heavily soiled laundry twice; cycling the recruits through eight weeks of basic training.

[Middle English , from Late Latin *cyclus* , from Greek *kuklos*, circle ; see **kw**
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