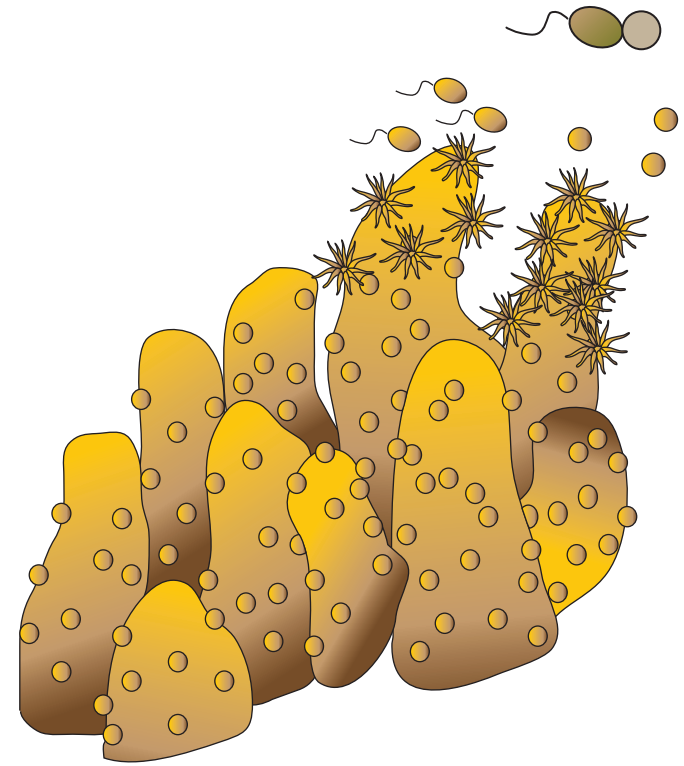
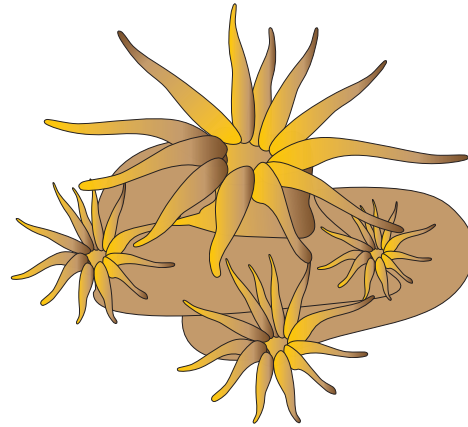
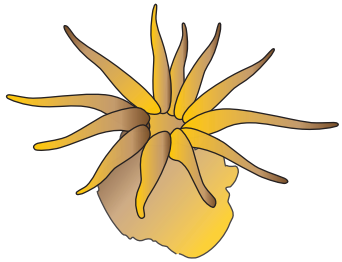


REPRODUCTION

BUDDING

SETTLEMENT

EGG DEVELOPMENT



The coral larva finds a hard surface to settle, where it develops into a polyp with a mouth and tentacles.

The eggs begin to divide and develop into a coral larva, which drifts with the ocean current.

The polyp begins to mature into an adult, dividing into more polyps to create a coral colony.

Once a year, mature coral polyps release eggs and sperm clusters which float to the surface and fertilise.