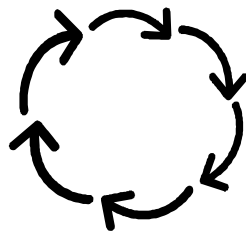


What is Cyclic Causality?

Cyclic causality means that events are connected in a circle, where one event makes a second event happen but the second event then makes the first event happen again (which then makes the second event happen again and so on.)

In a cyclic cause and effect story:

- There is no real beginning or ending (once it gets going).
- A cause can also be an effect and vice versa.
- If you break the story into a line, it loses important parts of the story.



Cyclic causality happens in science and in everyday life. For instance, if you say something that hurts your friend's feelings, then she might not be nice to you, so you get mad and aren't nice to her, so then she is not nice to you, and so on. It becomes a cyclic cause and effect story.

Decomposition is part of a cyclic causal story. In the space below, draw a cyclic causal story that shows how decomposers break down dead matter into smaller bits of matter and nutrients that can then help green plants to grow. Your drawing should show a circle for matter recycling and an arrow coming in from the side to show that plants need energy from the sun. Be sure to use arrows to show what makes what happen. Then check your diagram to make sure it shows cyclic causality.