

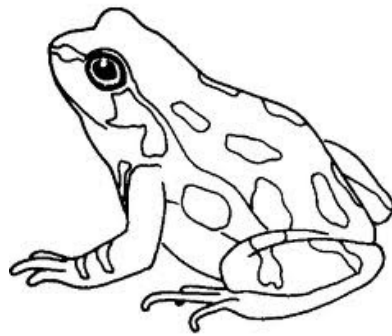
# The Lifecycle of a Frog

All animals grow from babies into adults. Eventually, adults have their own babies and the life cycle begins again.

As they grow up, animals change in the way they look. Some change more than others.

You are going to be learning about an animal that looks completely different when it has grown up.

You are going to be learning about the life cycle of a frog.



## 1. What are you going to be learning about?

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The lifecycle of a butterfly.

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The lifecycle of a frog.

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The lifecycle of a chicken.

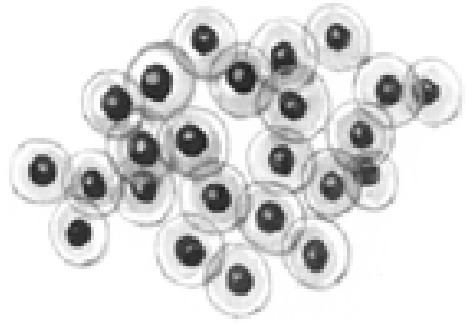
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The lifecycle of a snake.

## 2. Finish this sentence...

All animals grow from babies into \_\_\_\_\_.

A frog starts life as a tiny egg in a pond. A female frog lays her eggs in the spring when the weather becomes warmer. The eggs are called frogspawn.



### 3. When does the female frog lay her eggs?

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Summer

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Winter

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Spring

### 4. What are the female frog's eggs called?

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The eggs are covered in clear jelly. The jelly swells up in the water and this helps to protect the eggs and keep them safe.  
The eggs stick together in a big ball.

### 5. What are the eggs covered in?

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Clear water

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Brown mud

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Clear jelly

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Green grass

## 6. Why are the eggs covered in clear jelly?

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If you look carefully, you will see tiny black animals inside the eggs. Each animal is called a tadpole. The tadpoles will grow bigger and bigger inside the eggs.

## 7. What are the animals called inside the eggs?

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Caterpillars

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Fish

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Tadpoles

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Insects

After about 30 days, the eggs will start to hatch and tadpoles will wriggle out of their jelly eggs. At first, the tadpoles do not look anything like adult frogs.

Tadpoles have long tails that they use for swimming. This makes the tadpole look more like a tiny fish.

## 8. When will the tadpoles start to hatch?

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After about 20 days.

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After one week.

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After about 30 days.

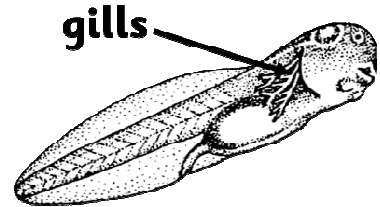
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After 10 days.

## 9. What do tadpoles look like?

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Tadpoles are different from frogs in other ways too. A frog cannot breathe underwater but a tadpole can. Tadpoles have little slits called gills which take in the air from the water.



## 10. What can a tadpole do that a frog cannot?

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Breathe underwater

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Croak

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Jump

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Laugh

## 11. What does a tadpole use to take in air?

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As tadpoles grow bigger, they slowly start to change. When they are about six weeks old, they grow two back legs which they use to help them swim.

After that, tadpoles grow lungs and their gills slowly disappear. Now they have to swim to the surface of the water to breathe in air.

## 12. When do tadpoles grow two back legs?

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When they are about four weeks old.

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When they are about three weeks old.

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When they are about five weeks old.

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When they are about six weeks old.

## 13. What happens to the tadpoles gills when they grow lungs?

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When they are about ten weeks old, tadpoles grow two front legs. They begin to look a little more like frogs.

By the time tadpoles are twelve weeks old, their legs have become bigger and stronger and they can use them for swimming. Their long tails slowly start to disappear because they no longer need them.

## 14. What do tadpoles grow when they are ten weeks old?

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Two back legs.

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Two front legs.

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Two tails.

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Two ears

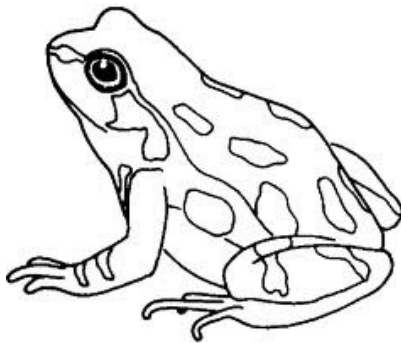
## 15. Why do the tadpoles long tails disappear?

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When the tadpole's tail has completely gone it becomes a froglet.

At about four months old froglets begin to spend more and more time out of the water.

It takes a froglet about a year to grow into an adult frog.



At last the froglet has grown into a frog!

**16. How old is a froglet when it begins to spend more time out of water?**

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About four months old.

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About six months old.

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About ten months old.

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About three months old.

**17. How long does it take for a froglet to grow into an adult frog?**

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Can you draw a picture of some frogs sitting around a pond?