

From Egg to Tadpole to Frog



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Egg Cluster

Life begins as eggs. Each tiny egg is surrounded by a clear layer of gel that absorbs water and thickens for protection. The eggs hatch in 4 to 5 days and a larva emerges.

Tadpole

A tadpole has jaws to eat water plants or animal matter, gills to breathe in the water and a pair of tiny eyes that grow larger as the tadpole develops. It stores fat in its flat, fin-like tail, which it uses to swim and search for food.

Back Legs

By the time the body is 1/2 in. long, the back legs begin to grow. This stage is marked by an ever-increasing appetite. The tadpole continues to breathe through its gills during this stage, which lasts just a few days.

Front Legs

The growth of the front legs comes in this stage. The gills disappear and the lungs develop so that the frog can breathe out fo the water. The tail shrinks as it is absorbed into the body for nourishment.

Adult Frog

The full-grown frog stays fairly close to the water, but spends most if its time on land. The tail is completely gone. It breathes only through its lungs and eats mostly insects.

The End

To assemble:

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