

Frog Facts

All frogs begin their lives as eggs. The cell inside the egg splits into two, then into four. This process continues until there are many cells in the egg. These cells develop into an embryo with living organs. After about 21 days the egg hatches.

After the egg hatches, a baby frog, or tadpole, comes out. It has a long tail. It swims in the water and eats algae to build up strength.

The tadpole gets stronger over the next 6-9 weeks. It grows arms and legs, and its body gets longer.

The tadpole now looks more like a frog with a very long tail. It starts to eat insects. Over the next 12 weeks the tadpole's tail shortens and at the end it becomes an adult frog and leaves the water.

Now the frog is fully grown. Later, it will return to the water to lay eggs.



Life Cycle of a Frog

Part 2

Put the sentences in order by labeling them with the correct number according to a frog's life cycle.

- The cells in eggs divide creating an embryo. After about 21 days the egg hatches.
- The tadpole now looks more like a frog with a very long tail. The tadpole's tail shortens and at the end it becomes an adult frog and leaves the water.
- The tadpole gets stronger and develops arms and legs.
- Now the frog is fully grown. Later, it will return to the water to lay eggs.
- After the egg hatches, a baby frog, or tadpole, comes out. It has a long tail.



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Directions: Read the article on the life cycle of a frog. Write a paragraph about the life cycle, explaining each part in your own words. Be sure to include a topic sentence, at least three details, and a conclusion. Also include sequencing words, such as first, next, then, and last.