



**Growing and Changes**

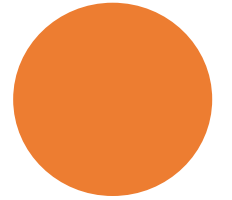
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## What is a frog?

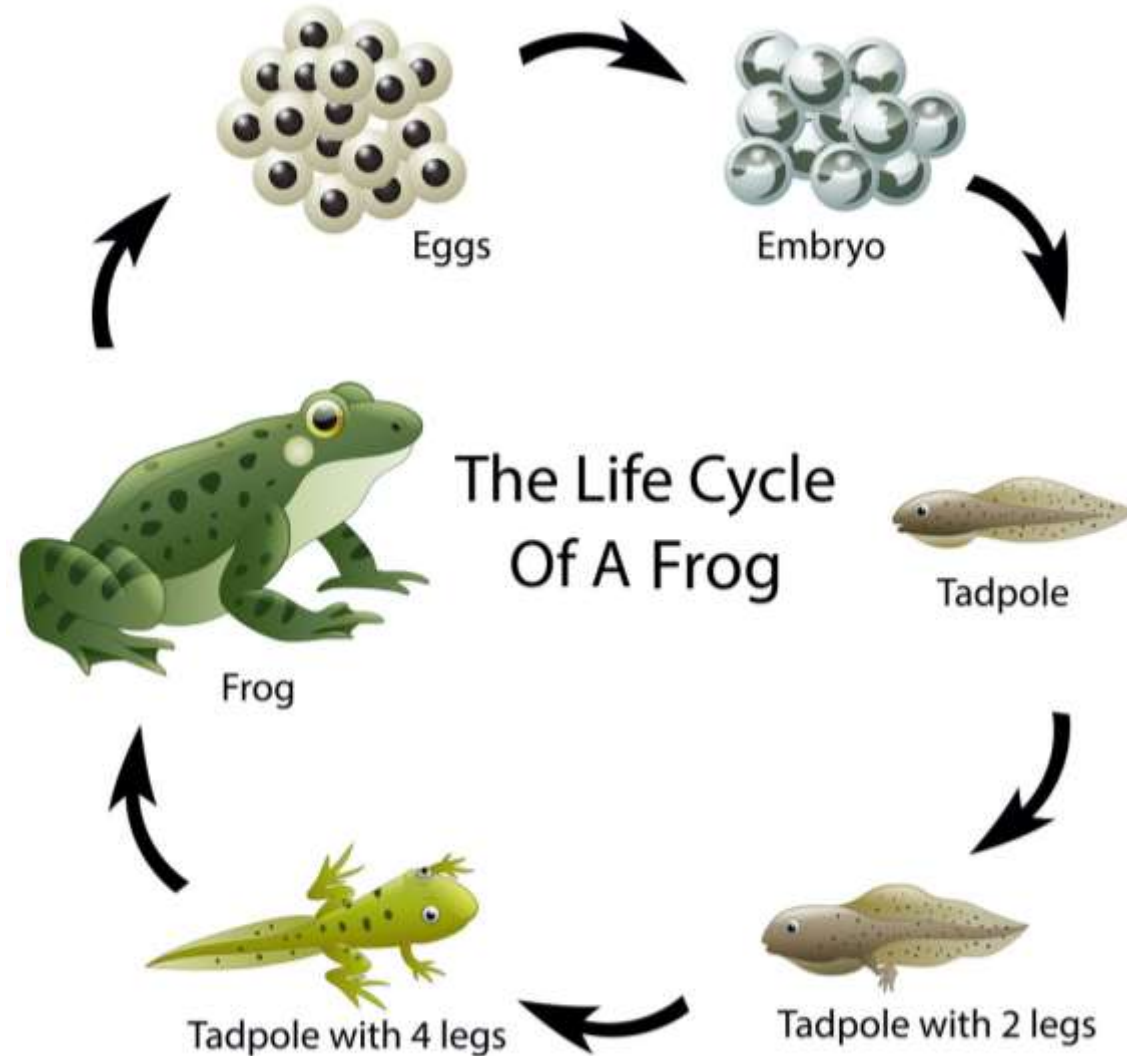
A frog is a small creature with smooth skin, big eyes and long back legs which it uses for jumping. Frogs usually live near water. Frogs have webbed feet to help them swim. Frogs absorb water through their skin, so they do not need to drink!

## What is a tadpole?

The young of a frog is a tadpole. Tadpoles grow from frog eggs. They are small black creatures that have a large head and tail. They live in the water and grow into frogs.



# The lifecycle of a frog



A frog lays many eggs.



The eggs are called frogspawn.

Next

One to three weeks later the eggs hatch.



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After about six weeks the tadpole grows two back legs.



The tadpoles body gets longer.

Next

After about nine weeks the tadpole grows two front legs.



The tadpole now looks more like a frog.

Next

About twelve weeks after hatching the tadpole looks like an adult frog with only a short tail.



It is now about ready to leave the water.



The frog is now an adult and leaves the water.



The frog will now find a mate and then return to the water.

The cycle begins again.

