

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.