

## Life Cycle of a Frog



1. **Eggs.** The female frog lays thousands of jelly-covered eggs in the water. It takes about 10 days for the eggs to hatch.



2. **Tiny Tadpole.** Eggs hatch into tiny tadpoles. They swim, eat and grow. The tadpole uses its tail to swim. Tadpoles also are called polliwogs. Gills for breathing appear.



3. **Large tadpole.** Tadpole continues to grow.



4. **2-leg Froglet.** The tadpole becomes a froglet as it continues to grow. It sprouts hind legs. Its tail begins to shrink.



5. **4-leg Froglet.** The froglet continues to grow, and front legs appear. The lungs begin to develop. Its eyes and mouth grow larger and the tail continues to shrink.



6. **Frog.** When the tail finally disappears, the froglet becomes a frog. It can now leap onto land and live out of the water. It breathes through its lungs and through its skin. Before long, the frog will find a mate and lay eggs, and the cycle begins all over again.