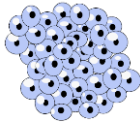


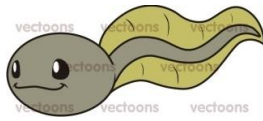
## How do frogs grow?



eggs

### The Egg

Frogs lay their eggs in water or wet places. A floating clump of eggs is called frog spawn. The egg slowly develops and after 21 days it changes.



### The Tadpole

After 21 days the egg develops into a tadpole. The tadpoles grow until they are big enough to break free into the water. This can take from 3 days to 3 weeks, depending on what kind of frog they will become. They eat very small plants that stick to larger plants in the water. The tadpole has a long tail, and lives in the water.

### The Tadpole Begins To Change

After about five weeks, the tadpole begins to change. It starts to grow legs, Also, their tails become smaller and their lungs begin to develop, Now and then, they wiggle to the surface to breathe in air. The tail becomes larger and makes it now possible for the tadpole to swim around and catch food like plants.



### Almost There . . .

Over time, the tadpole becomes even more froglike. They have shed their skin and lips. The tail becomes much smaller, and the legs grow. The lungs are almost functioning at this point.



### The Frog

Eleven weeks after the egg was laid, a fully developed frog with lungs, legs, and no tail emerges from the water. This frog will live mostly on land, with occasional swims. The tiny frogs begin to eat insects and worms.

