

A Frog's Life Cycle

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Baby frogs are called tadpoles. As tadpoles grow, they change shape. They turn into frogs.

A mother frog lays eggs in, or near, water. Inside each egg, a tadpole grows. Then the tadpole hatches. It has a long tail. The tadpole swims like a fish. It uses gills to breathe underwater.

Next, the tadpole grows legs and toes. Its gills and tail get smaller. The tadpole grows lungs. Now the tadpole is a froglet.

The froglet's tail gets shorter. Soon, its tail is gone. It can leave the water. It can breathe using lungs. The froglet is now a frog.

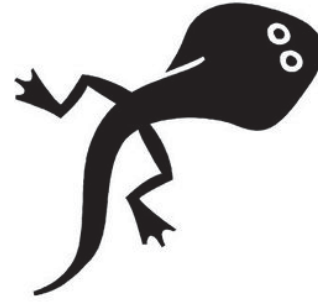
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1. What is a baby frog called?

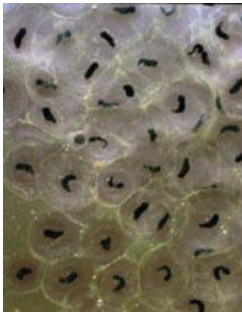


an infant



a tadpole

2. What do tadpoles hatch out of?

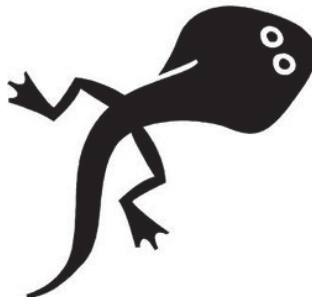


eggs



nests

3. What does a tadpole grow as it becomes a froglet?



gills and a tail

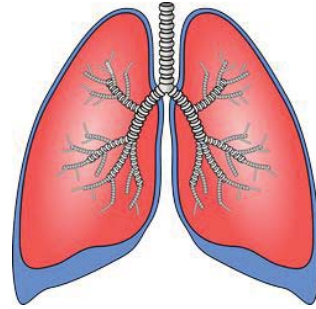


legs and toes

4. What do frogs have that allow them to breathe out of the water?



gills



lungs

5. What do tadpoles have that frogs do not have?

Tadpoles have

6. Draw a picture of a tadpole.



