

## Stage 4: Adult Frog

The tail is completely gone now - it's a fully grown adult frog! The frog breathes with its lungs and can live on land and in water.

Adult frogs eat insects, worms, and small bugs using their long sticky tongues.

- No tail at all!
- Strong legs for leaping and swimming
- Breathes air with lungs
- Skin must stay moist
- Will lay eggs to start the cycle again!



## Label the Cycle!



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## Observe a Frog



# Frog Life Cycle

An overview of a frog's life by

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## Stage 1: Egg

Every frog starts life as a tiny egg! A mother frog lays hundreds of eggs at a time in ponds, lakes, or puddles.

The eggs float together in a jelly-like clump called frog spawn. The jelly keeps the eggs safe and warm.

- Eggs are laid in water
- The jelly protects each egg
- Each egg has a tiny black dot inside
- That dot will grow into a tadpole!

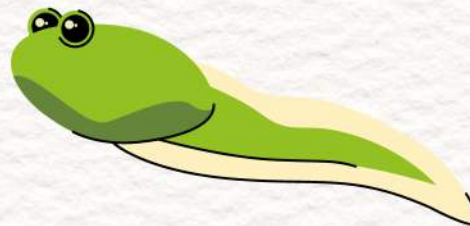


## Stage 2: Tadpole

After about 2 weeks, the eggs hatch into tadpoles — tiny swimmers with long tails!

Tadpoles breathe underwater using gills, just like fish. They eat algae and tiny plants.

- Has a round body and long tail
- Lives completely in the water
- Has no legs yet
- Gills help it breathe



## Stage 3: Froglet

Now things get exciting! The tadpole starts growing back legs, then front legs. Its tail slowly shrinks.

This in-between stage is called a froglet. It can breathe air AND water using lungs AND gills!

- Has 4 legs and a shrinking tail
- Can hop onto land
- Still has a small tail for a while
- Lungs are growing stronger

