

Do frogs lay eggs?



Yes! Frogs lay eggs, but not the same way that birds do. Frog eggs do not have shells. The female lays thousands of them in a big jelly mass to keep them from drying out.

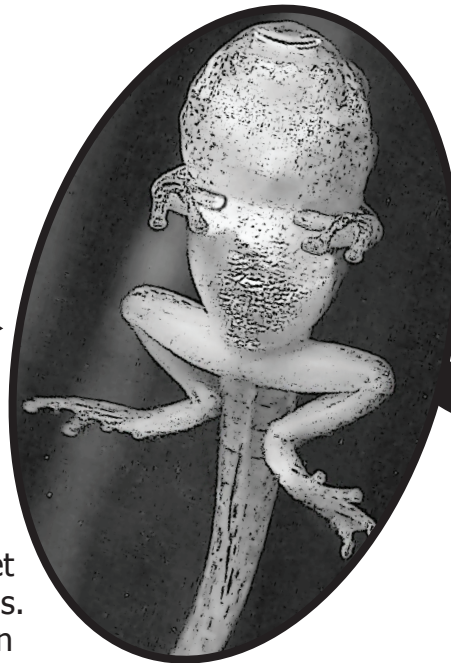


The tadpole grows legs, and it is now called a froglet. As it grows, its tail keeps shrinking.



Eggs hatch into tiny tadpoles: fish-like creatures that breathe through gills instead of lungs. Tadpoles use their tails to swim.

When the tail disappears the froglet becomes a frog. It can jump and swim! Now, it will live both in and out of water.



Soon the froglet grows front legs. The lungs begin to develop and its eyes and mouth grow bigger.



Are you ready to play, **Everything Living Grows**? Take a walk outside. Look for things that are living: trees, flowers, birds, grass, squirrels. Talk about how each living thing begins life. Trees and grass begin as seeds and so do flowers. How do birds grow? Are people like other living things? When you get home make a **"Watch me Grow"** picture.