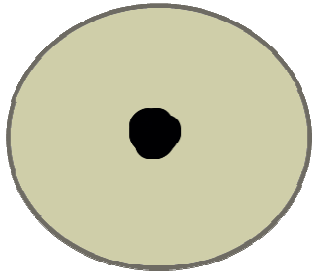
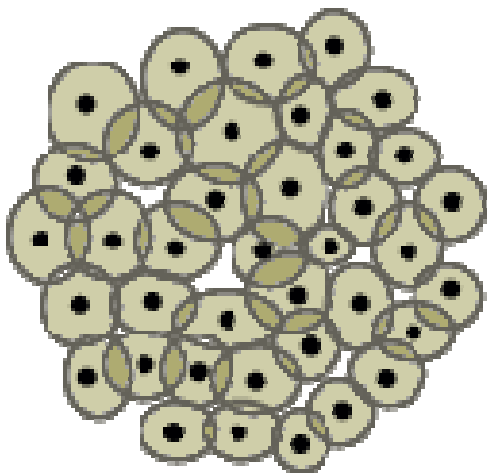


Frogspawn



The frog starts its life as a tiny egg.

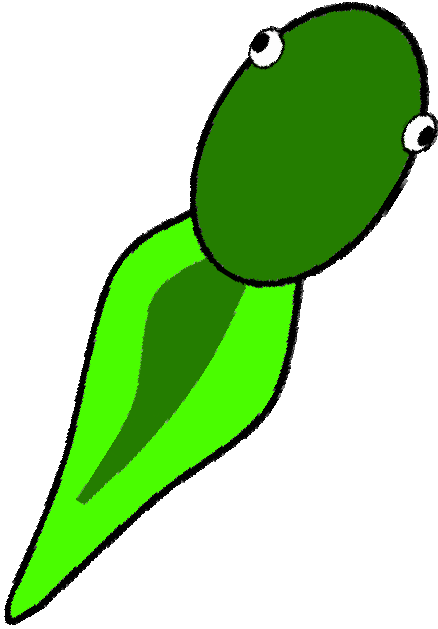
The female frog lays her eggs in the spring when the weather becomes warmer.



She lays hundreds of eggs at a time.

The eggs are called frogspawn.

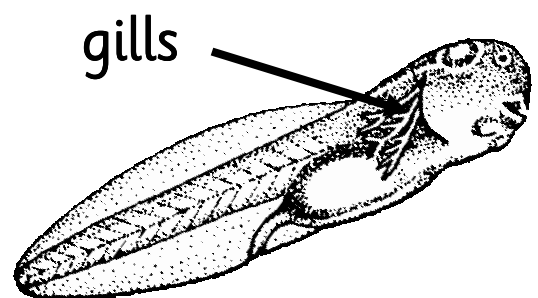
Tiny Tadpoles



After about 30 days, the eggs will start to hatch and tadpoles will wriggle out.

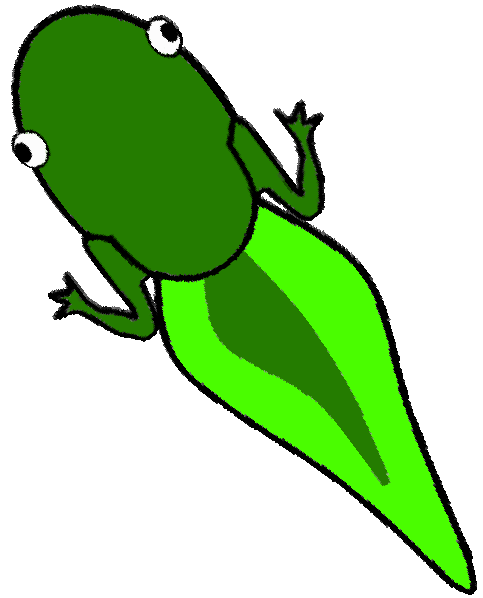
Tadpoles have long tails that they use for swimming. This makes the tadpole look more like a tiny fish.

Tadpoles have little slits called gills so that they can breathe under water.



Growing Tadpoles

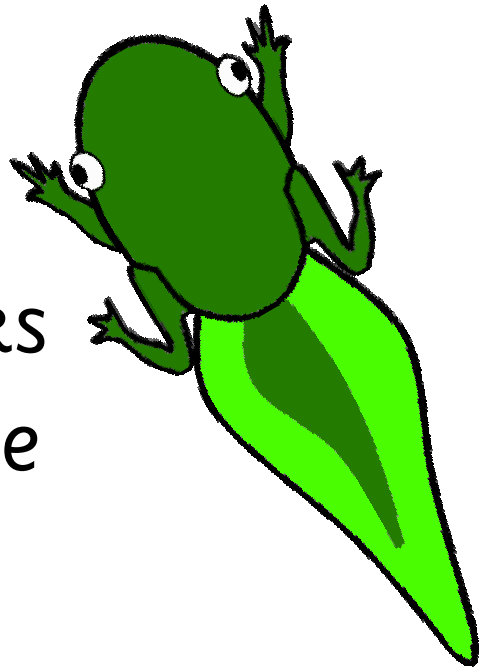
When the tadpole is about six weeks old, it grows two back legs which help it swim.



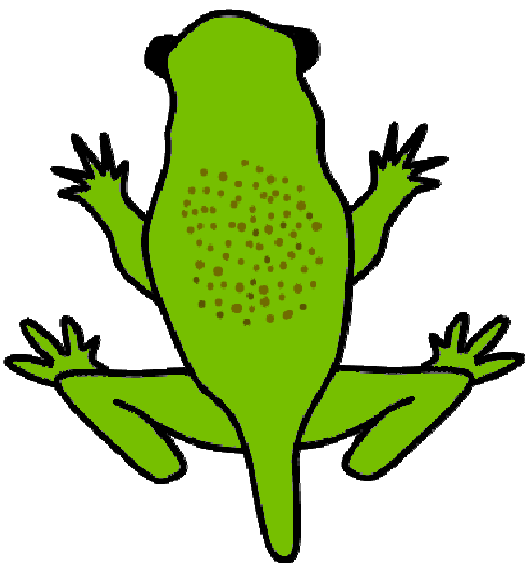
Next, the tadpole grows lungs and its gills disappear. Now the tadpole must swim to the surface of the water to breathe in air.

Growing Tadpoles

At about ten weeks of age, the tadpole grows two front legs.

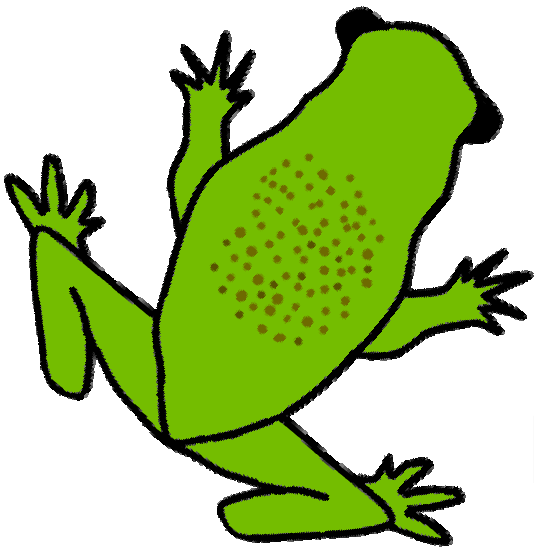


When the tadpole is 12 weeks old, its long tail has almost gone.



Now the tadpole looks more like a frog.

Froglets



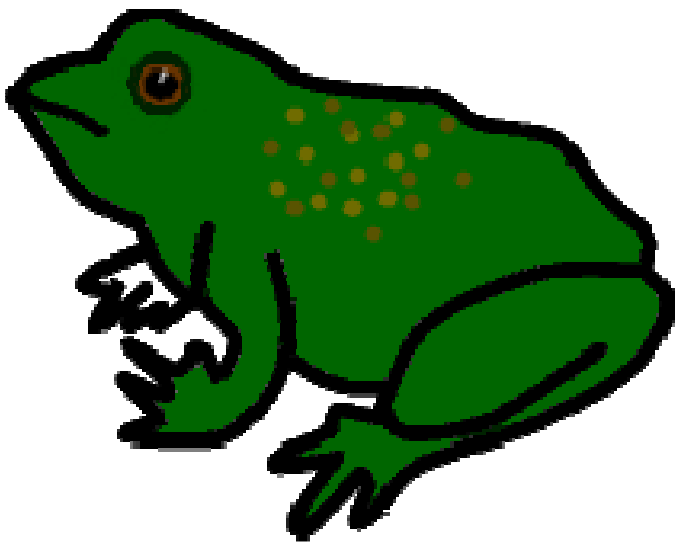
The tadpole's tail has now completely gone. It has become a froglet.

When the froglet is about 4 months old it begins to spend more time out of the water.



Frogs

It takes a froglet about a year to grow up.



At last the froglet has become a frog.

When frogs are about 3 years old they are ready to have babies of their own.

