

# A Tail That ... Disappears!

From an egg to a tadpole and then to a frog, this amphibian goes through a spectacular transformation! When it is born, it breathes underwater. But by the end of its transformation, it can breathe in the open air. This video presents the life cycle of a frog: how it goes through different stages of development.



**Life Cycle of a Frog**

Length: 5 min 39

Use the clues below to draw a picture that represents each stage of a frog's development. In some clues, a word is missing. Can you fill it in?

## Stage 1

### Clues

### Drawing

- The mother frog lays tiny \_\_\_\_\_ in the water.
- She lays a big clump of them, but only a few will survive.
- They develop for a few days, and then they hatch.

## Stage 2

### Clues

### Drawing

- A baby frog is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- It has no legs but a long \_\_\_\_\_ that helps it swim.
- It can breathe underwater because it has gills, like a fish.
- It feeds on water plants, like algae.

**Stage 3****Clues****Drawing**

- After a few weeks, the tadpole starts to change.
- First, its \_\_\_\_\_ legs develop, and later its \_\_\_\_\_ legs appear.
- Its tail starts to shrink.
- It loses its gills and develops \_\_\_\_\_.

**Stage 4****Clues****Drawing**

- The tadpole has completely transformed into a very small frog, with four legs and a small tail.
- At this stage, it is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is ready to leave the water and explore the land.

**Stage 5****Clues****Drawing**

- The young frog grows into an adult frog.
- It feeds on flies and other bugs that it catches with its long \_\_\_\_\_.
- It can swim, walk, sing—and jump!