

The life cycle of a frog

A female frog usually lays eggs in water. She can lay thousands of eggs at once! After about a week, a tadpole hatches from each egg. The tadpole lives in water and has gills for breathing under water, just as a fish does. The tadpole has a long tail. After about ten weeks, the tadpole grows legs, and its tail begins to shrink.

Skin begins to grow over the tadpole's gills. Lungs grow inside its body. The tadpole now lives on land and breathes air using its lungs. It has short front and hind, or back, legs. As the tadpole continues to grow, its tail becomes shorter. A frog is finished metamorphosis when it no longer has a tail. It is now an adult frog.

