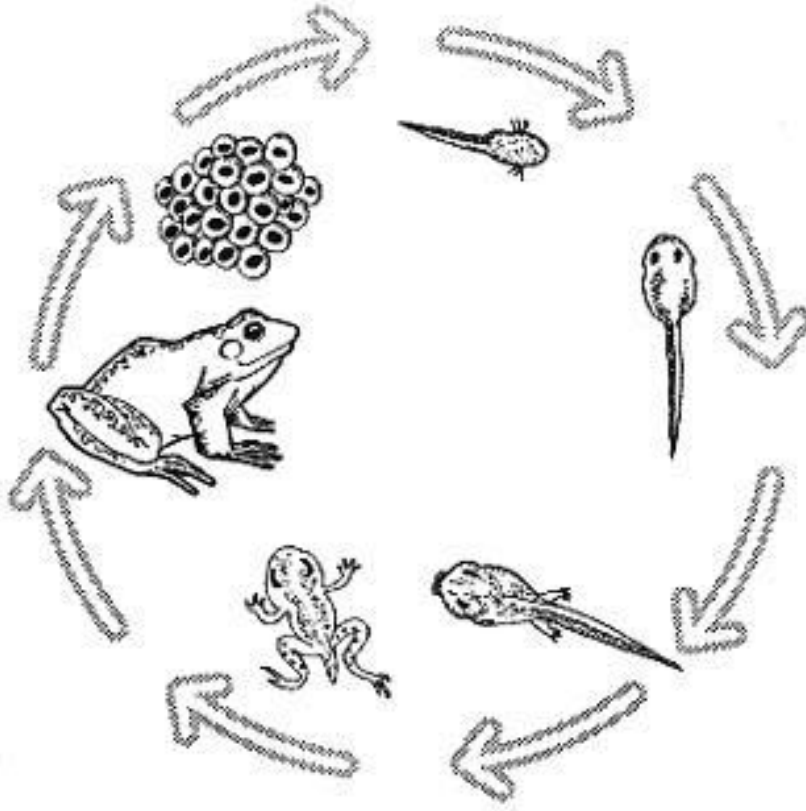


Frog Lifecycle

In early ***** adult frogs wake up from their long Winter sleep and start making their way to breeding pools. Some frogs can travel as far as one **** to the pond which is a long distance if all you can do is hop or crawl. When the frogs reach the pond, breeding begins with the male ***** loudly to attract the female. When he finds a female he grabs her from behind with the help of special **** on his fore limbs and



holds on as tight as he can. As soon as the female releases her **** into the water they are fertilised by the male.

The eggs or ***** are surrounded by jelly, which absorbs water, swells up, and floats to the surface of the pond where the sun ***** it. One clump of frogspawn can contain up to 4,000 eggs.

After about 10 days a tadpole wriggles out of each egg. At first the tadpole breathes and

moves like a ****, using its gills and long tail, but after about five weeks the gills disappear and the tadpole develops *****. It then has to swim to the surface of the water to gulp ***. The tadpole has fleshy lips with rows of teeth for rasping away at water plants and by seven weeks it also eats insects and even other*****.

By eight weeks the back **** have formed and by ten to eleven weeks the front legs have also appeared. At twelve to fourteen weeks the tail disappears and the tiny froglet is ready to leave the water. it will take three years before the ***** reaches maturity and the cycle starts all **** again.

Use these clue words once only...

Frogspawn	over	Spring	mile
froglet	Tadpoles	fish	warms
lungs	pads	Croaking	eggs
	air	legs	

Frog Word Search



See if you can find these froggy words in the letters below. They could be going up, down, backwards, forwards or diagonally. If you don't recognise them all try to find out what they mean. Good Luck !

- Spawn
- Tadpoles
- Amphibian
- Metamorphosis
- Algae
- Snakes
- Froglet
- Gills
- Herpetologist
- Common Ponds
- Water
- Pesticides
- Habitat

H	E	R	P	E	T	O	L	O	G	I	S	T
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