

# Frogs



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This book is to be read after the sound

## More silent Letters

has been learnt.

You can sound these words out. Practice them before you start to read the book.

unlike un like

frogspawn frog spawn

disappeared dis appear ed

surface sur face

# Frogs

In spring frogs lay their eggs in ponds or shallow ditches.

Frogs lay their eggs in clumps, unlike toads who lay their spawn in strings.





It takes 12 to 15 weeks for  
frogspawn to grow into frogs.





Frogspawn is little balls of jelly with black dots in the middle. They are frog's eggs.

Some of the black spots will turn into young frogs. The eggs float to the top of the pond as the water is warmer there.



# Four days old



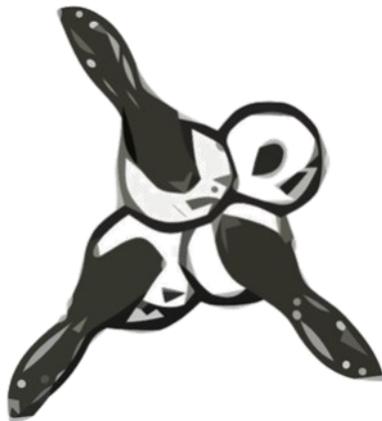
The eggs quickly change shape.

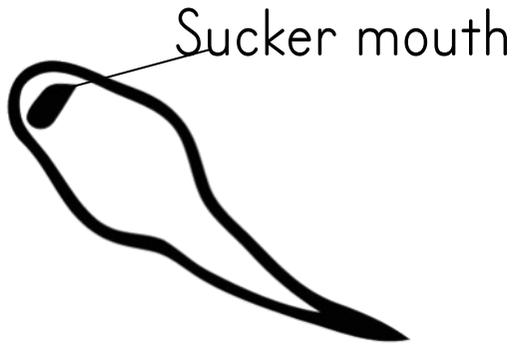
After four days they look like

little commas.



**After ten days** the tadpoles are ready to come out of their jelly balls. They wriggle out. The tadpoles stay together and rest on the jelly or on nearby plants.



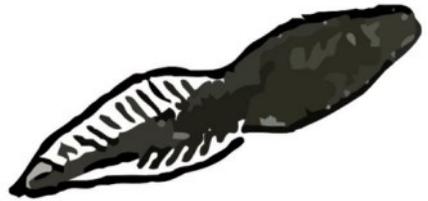


Sucker mouth

The tadpoles have a sucker mouth under their heads by which they can hold onto the jelly.

The tadpoles swim by  
wiggling their tails.

They eat tiny plants which  
grow in the  
water.



Tadpoles breathe  
through their gills.

gills



**After five weeks** the tadpoles have grown back legs. The gills have disappeared, but the tadpoles now breathe through gills inside their bodies.



**At about six**

**weeks** the tadpoles grow

lungs so that they can breathe

like we do.

This means that they must

come to the surface to

breathe.

**By ten weeks** the  
tadpoles have grown front  
legs.

Their tails get shorter.



Now the tadpoles start to look like tiny frogs. The tails are even shorter.



The tadpoles eat small  
animals which live in the  
water.

They begin to come out of the  
water sometimes.



# After twelve

**weeks** the tadpoles have turned into tiny frogs.

They leave the water and live on the land.

They have strong back legs so that they can jump around.



They still like to go back to the pond to swim as they need to keep their skin damp.



Adult frogs eat slugs, snails,  
worms and insects.

They catch their dinner with  
their long sticky tongue.

Frogs are the gardener's  
friend.



# Do you remember?



Frogspawn



Four days old

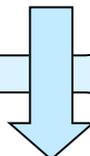


Ten days old

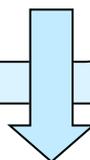




Five weeks old



Ten weeks olds



Twelve weeks old



In spring, common Frogs lay their **eggs** in ponds or lakes, or in ditches filled with shallow water. Their eggs look like black dots in balls of jelly.



Each black dot is a baby frog. The black dots grow into **tadpoles** that swim in the water.



The tiny frog eats and eats, and grows bigger and bigger until it is an **adult**.



First a tadpole grows front legs and then back legs. Soon it is a **baby frog** that can come out of the water.

