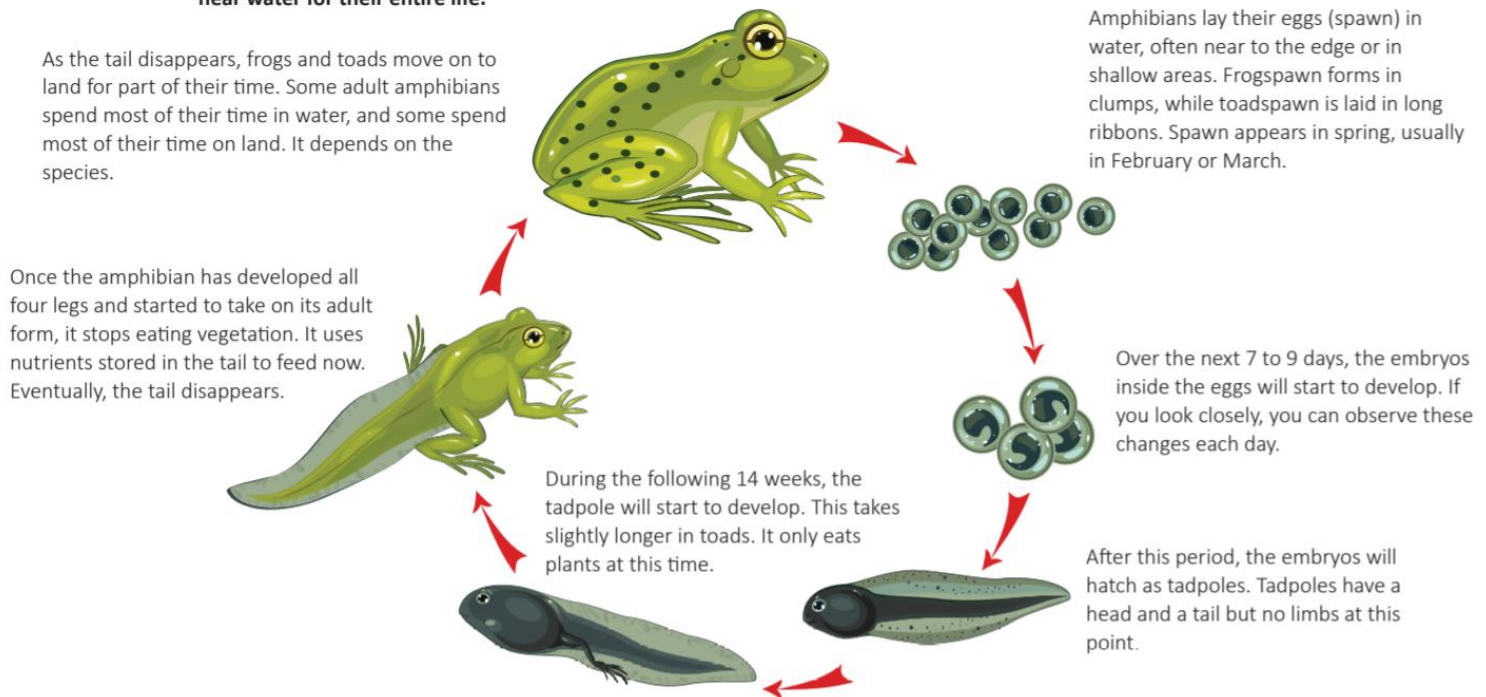


## Reading task:

### The Life Cycle of an Amphibian

Amphibians are sometimes thought of as being closely related to reptiles, but there are several significant differences in their life cycles. Both lay eggs and are cold-blooded (ectotherms). Reptiles lay hard-shelled eggs whereas amphibian eggs are encased in jelly. Reptile young are born with lungs, yet amphibians are born with gills to breathe underwater. Reptiles live in a wide range of habitats, but amphibians live in or near water for their entire life.



1. What is the main difference between frogspawn and toad spawn?
2. How long does it take for amphibian spawn to hatch?
3. How long does it take a frog to develop from a tadpole into a small frog?
4. Where are the nutrients stored that a frog will need to use once it has all four legs?
5. What determines whether amphibians spend most of their time on land or in the water?
6. List two differences between reptiles and amphibians.
7. Which word or phrase means closest to "see or watch"?
8. What happens to the embryos once they are fully formed?
9. How do the arrows on the diagram help you as a reader?
10. What do you think would be different if this was a diagram of a reptile life cycle?

## Writing task:

### Creature Feature

I want you to choose an animal that lives in South America to research. San Diego Zoo has a great website you could use as a starting point (and remember Kiddle for all of your other research).

Do some research online and make some notes about your chosen creature. Think about dividing your notes into sections, such as appearance, habitat, diet, country information.

Then, using your brilliant research, I want you to write an information text about your animal. It is up to you to decide what the purpose of this text is: a zoo guide, an online information page for KS2, a fascinating facts section of a book?

Think about:

- What sections you need to have and what the sub-headings will be
- How you are going to set it out (paragraphs of text, diagrams, headings, font)
- How you are going to make your information interesting for the reader

I can't wait to learn all about your animals!! Remember you can present this work in any way that you like. Handwritten with your own artwork, or on the computer using real life images. It's up to you!