

"**W**hat is that?" asked Kevin. He was staring at something in the tank.

"Those are frogs eggs," said Erin. "We can watch a frog's **life cycle**. The **egg** is the first stage."

"Those blobs don't look like frogs to me," said Kevin. "They look like jelly."

"Just wait," said Erin. "Frogs start out living in water. They go through changes. In time they will hop on land."

"How long does it take?"

"About twelve weeks from egg to frog," said Erin. "Give or take a few days. Not every frog needs the same amount of time."

Erin had learned about life cycles in school. Her class had studied butterflies to learn how they changed in cycles. She had learned that cycles happen over and over again.

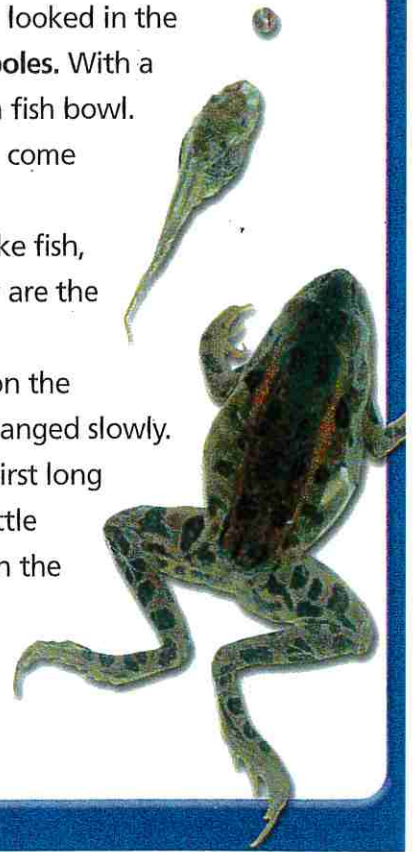
Three weeks passed. Erin looked in the tank. It was filled with **tadpoles**. With a net, she moved them into a fish bowl.

"Where did all those fish come from?" asked Kevin.

"I know that they look like fish, but they are tadpoles. They are the second stage."

Kevin and Erin checked on the tadpoles every day. They changed slowly. It took about nine weeks. First long back legs appeared. Next little front legs popped out. Then the tadpoles lost their tails.

"Tiny frogs!" Kevin and Erin hopped in joy.



## Frog Life Cycle

### Comprehension Questions

- What happens during a frog's life cycle?
  - It changes from egg to tadpole to frog.
  - It changes from frog to tadpole to egg.
  - It changes from tadpole to egg to frog.
- A frog's life cycle takes place
  - in one week.
  - every other year.
  - in about twelve weeks.
- What is true about an egg?
  - It is the first stage of a frog's life cycle.
  - It is the middle stage of a frog's life cycle.
  - It is the last stage of a frog's life cycle.
- When do long back legs appear on a tadpole?
  - after the front legs appear
  - before the front legs appear
  - at the same time the front legs appear
- Cycles happen again and again. Some of the new frogs will
  - turn into tadpoles.
  - grow long tails.
  - lay eggs.