

All living things can reproduce. This is when a living thing, makes a new living thing (of the same kind).

Plants reproduce by bearing seeds that grow into new plants. Humans and other animals reproduce by having babies.

Some animal babies look just like their grownups but smaller. Some animal babies look very different!

We are going to learn about some different kinds of animal babies, and how they change as they grow.







Baby mammals have lots of different names.



A puppy is a baby dog.



A baby tiger is called a cub.



A kitten is a baby cat.



A baby elephant is called a calf.



A foal is a baby horse.

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Many birds are called chicks.



These chicks will grow up to be chickens.



These are penguin chicks.



Baby ducks are called ducklings.



A baby owl is an owlet.



A baby goose is a gosling.

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Baby amphibians are called tadpoles. Most frogs, toads, newts and salamanders start their lives as tadpoles.



Tadpoles



Tadpoles



Toad



Newt



Frog



Salamander

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Mammals

How Animals Grow

These animals are mammals. They grow inside their mother's womb.

When they are born, they look quite like their parents, only much smaller!

Their mothers feed them with milk and take care of them as they grow.

Their bodies grow bigger and stronger, until they are able to take care of themselves.

This is a baby human inside its mother's womb.



















Mammals

How Animals Grow



Pregnancy



Baby



Adult

Birds

How Animals Grow

Mother birds lay eggs. They sit on them to keep them warm, until the eggs are ready to hatch.

Baby birds are tiny, blind and weak when they hatch. Their parents keep them safe and bring them food.

The chicks grow bigger and stronger, and grow thick feathers. Soon they are able to fly away and have babies of their own.

This is a baby chicken inside its egg.















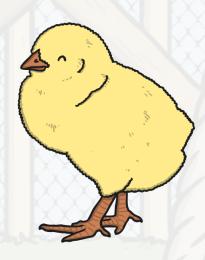


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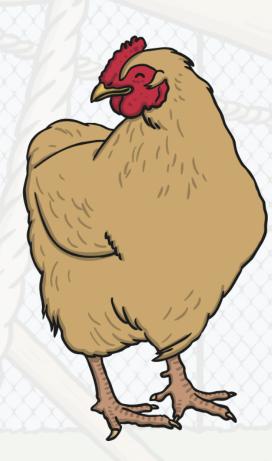
How Animals Grow







Chick



Adult

Amphibians

How Animals Grow

Most amphibians lay eggs in the water. These eggs are called spawn.

When they hatch, the tiny tadpoles live in the water.



They eventually grow legs!

Finally their tails fall off, and they are able to climb out of the water.



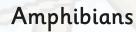
This is a tadpole inside its egg.







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How Animals Grow







Tadpole



Adult