

The Amphibian Life Cycle

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The female lays a mass of eggs which are fertilized by the male.



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After 2-25 days the tadpole hatches from the egg.

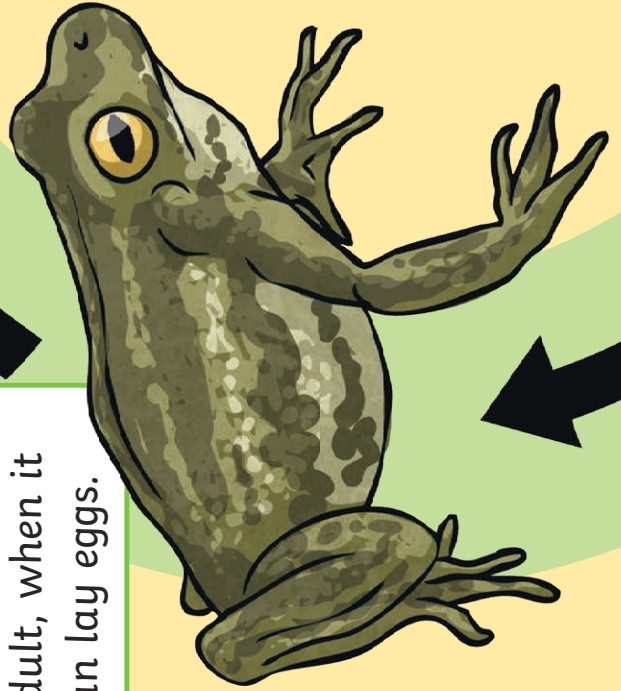


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It swims and eats plants. It breathes through

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The tail disappears and it starts to eat insects instead of plants. It takes 2-4 years to become an adult, when it can lay eggs.



It breathes through gills.



4

The tadpole grows fins and a stronger tail. Then it develops lungs and hind legs.



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The tadpole grows front legs and its tail shortens. It uses nutrients in the tail as food. It jumps out of water onto land.

Other Amphibians



Salamander

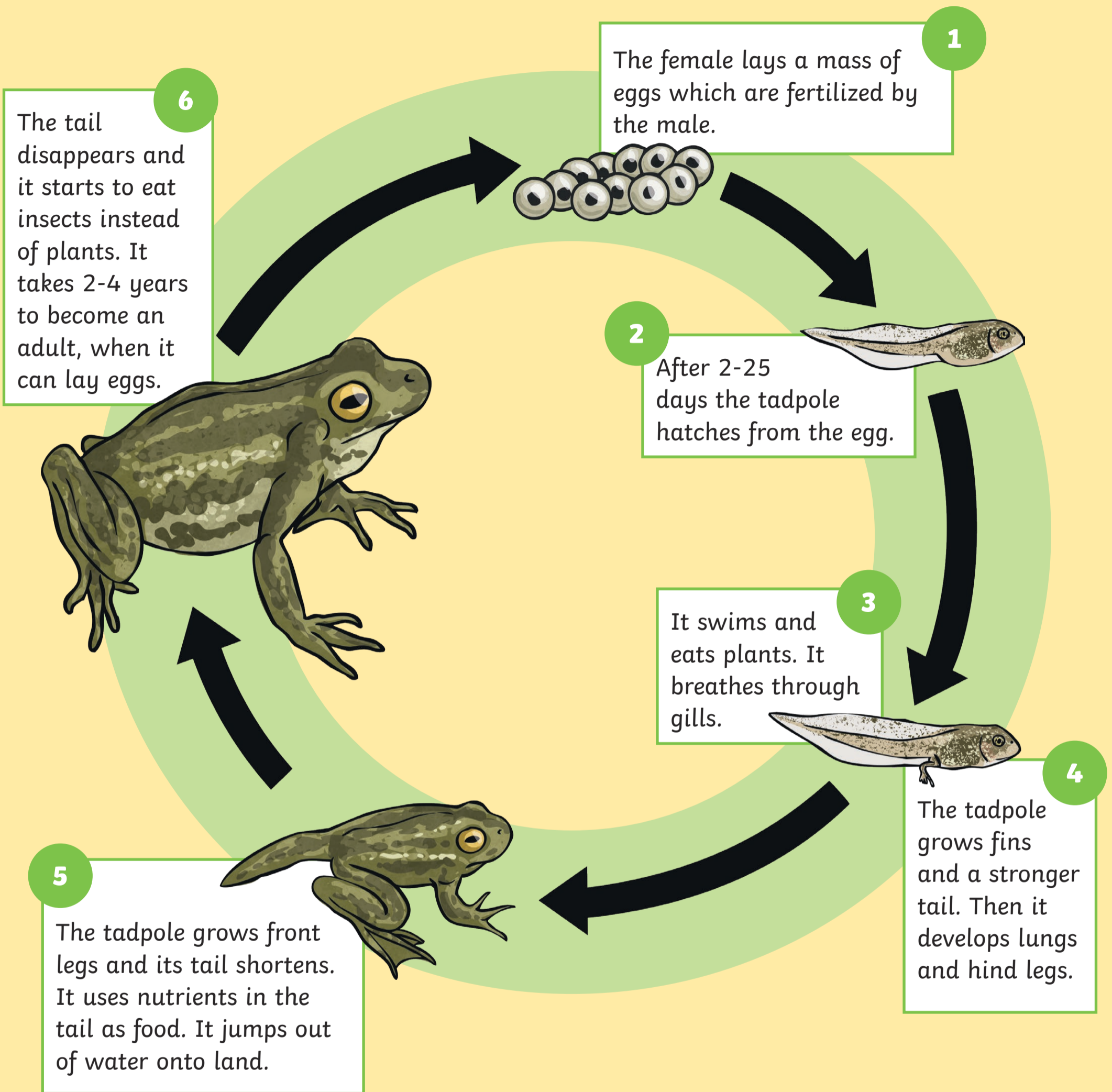


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