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Reading  
Books  
for Spring & Summer**

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Thank you for investing in my product! Included are 28 emergent readers/  
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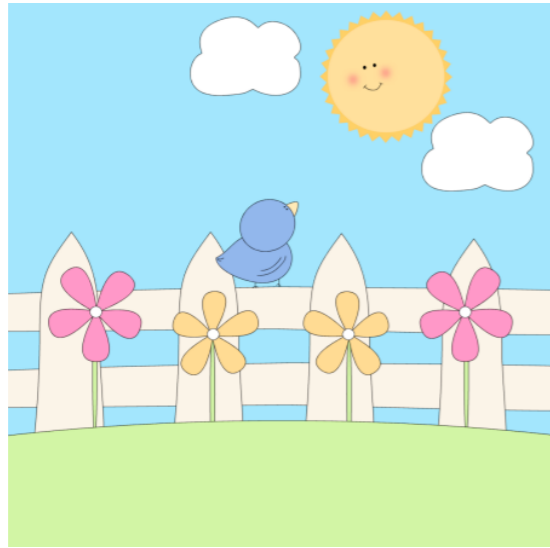
- Spring
- Butterfly life cycle
- Chicken life cycle
- Frog life cycle
- Plant life cycle
- Weather
- Summer

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# Spring



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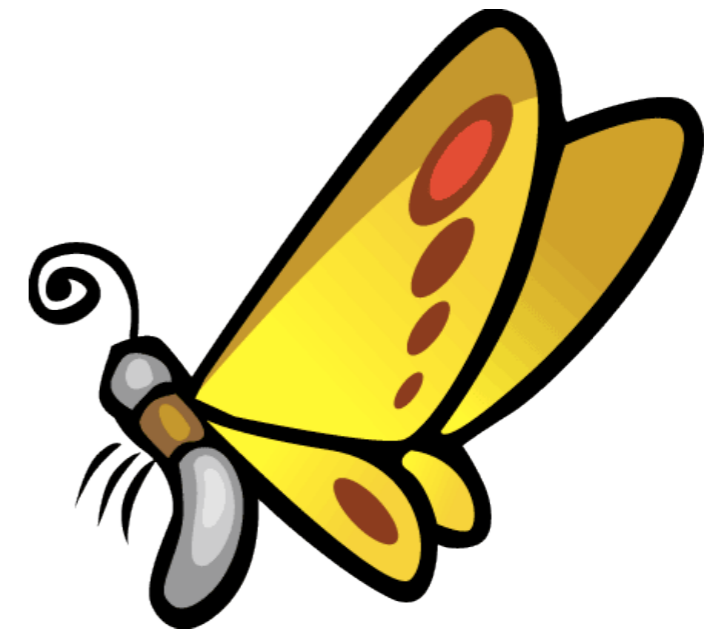
This is the sun.

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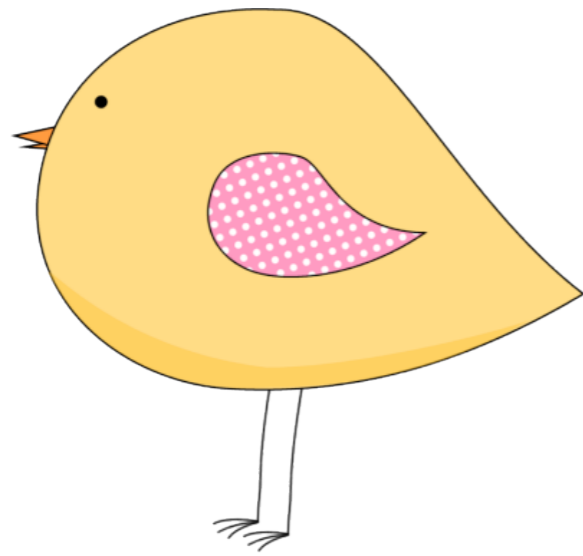
This is a flower.

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This is a butterfly.

3



This is a bird.

4



This is rain.

5



This is an umbrella.

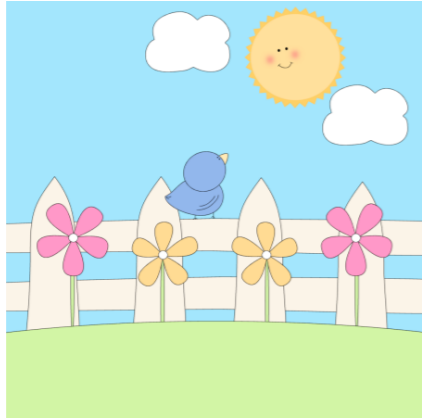
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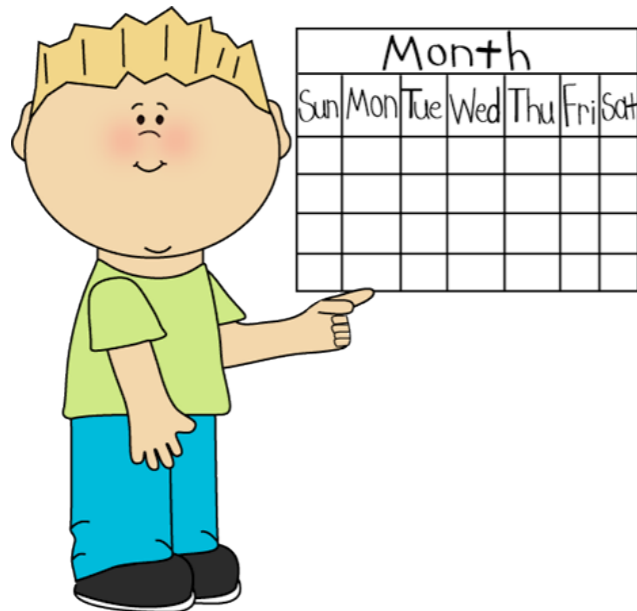
This is spring!

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# What You See In Spring



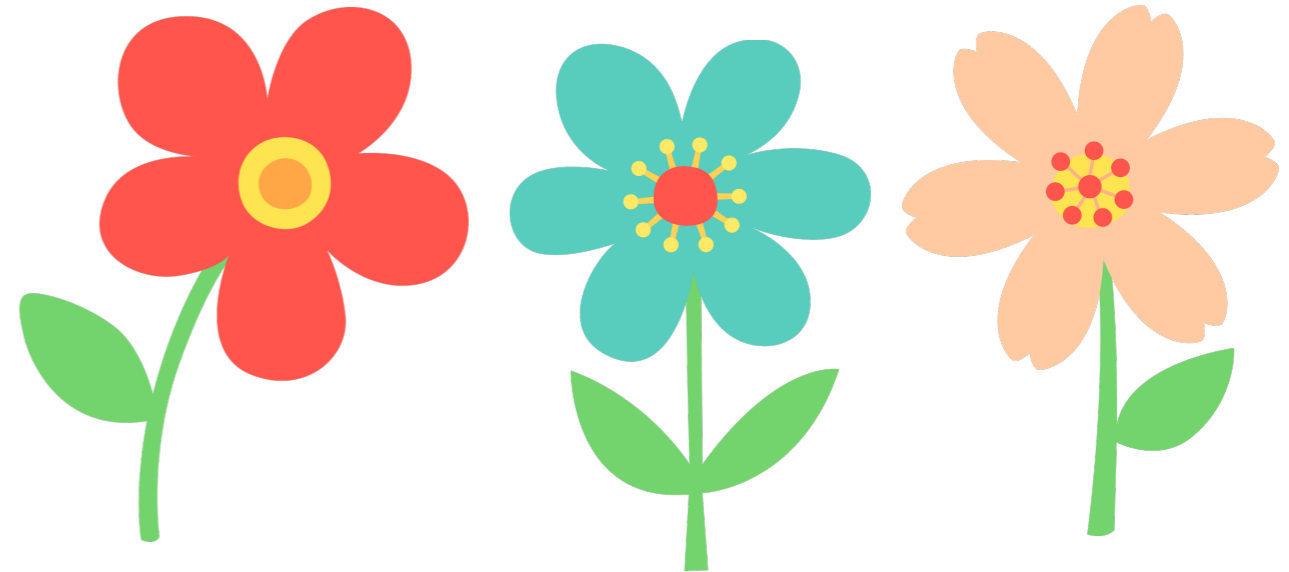
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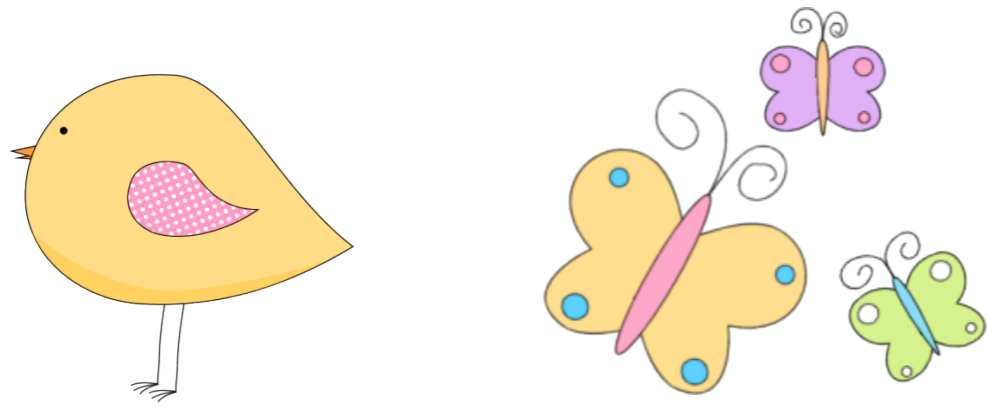
Spring begins in March.



Spring is a season.



In the spring, you  
see flowers.



You see birds and  
butterflies.

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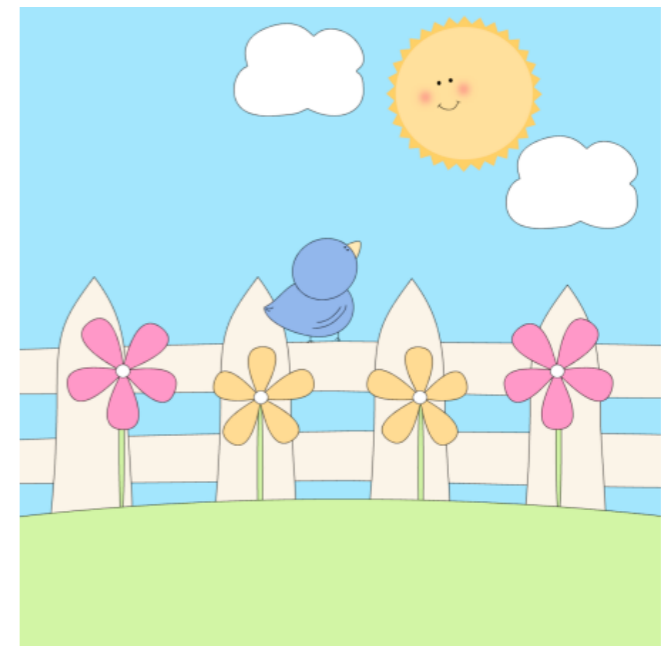
You see baby animals.

5



You see lots of rain!

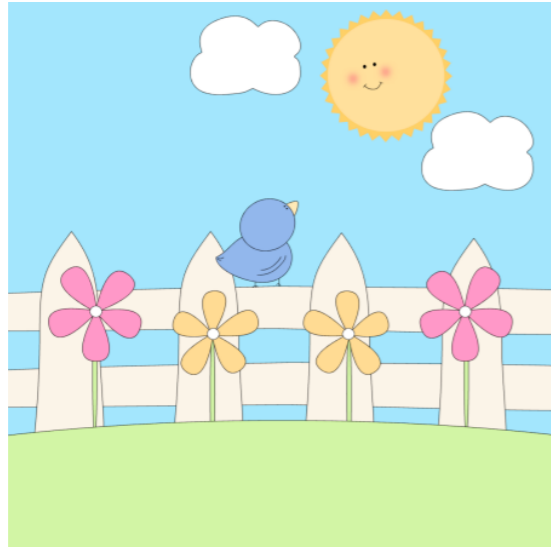
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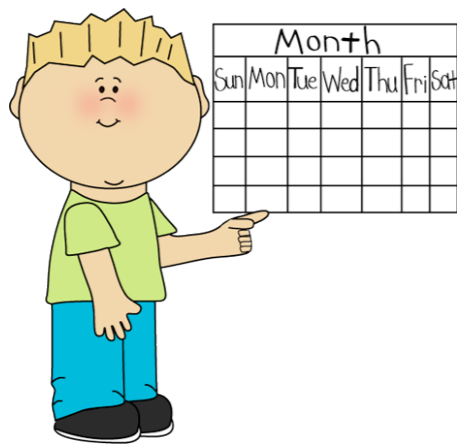
You see many pretty  
things in spring.

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# Spring Changes



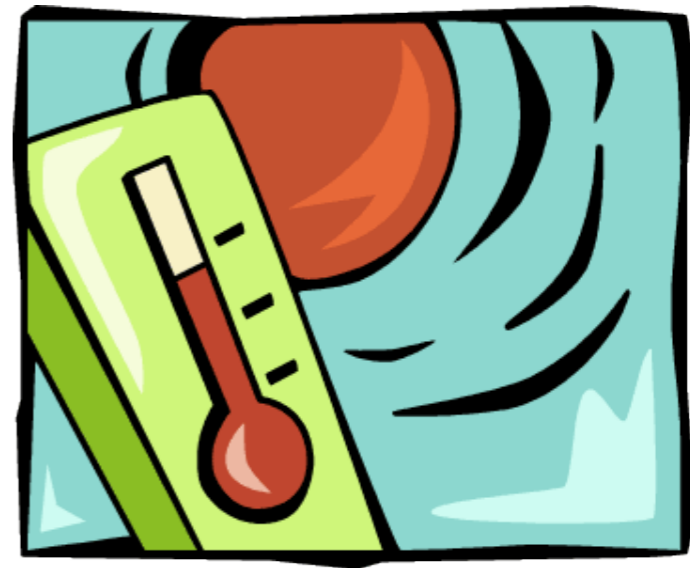
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Spring begins in the month of March.



Spring is one of four seasons.

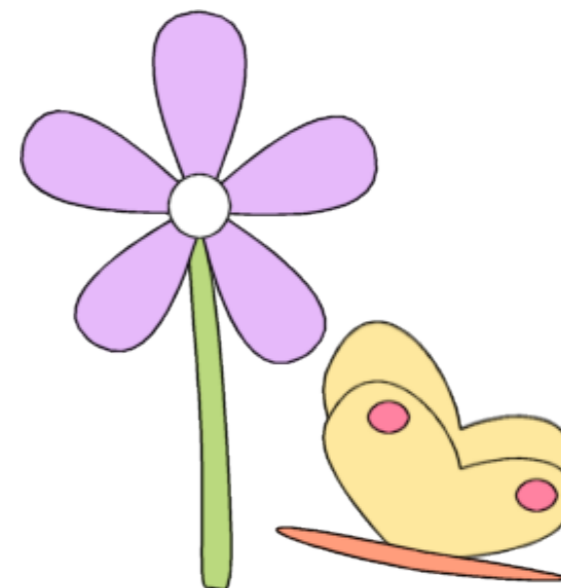


In the spring, it gets warm outside.



Rain helps plants and flowers grow.

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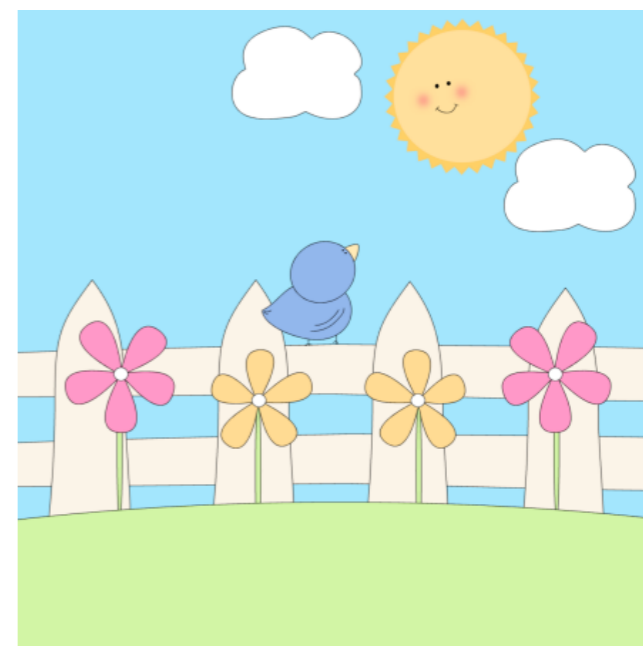
Plants are green again, and insects come out.

5



Baby animals are born in the spring.

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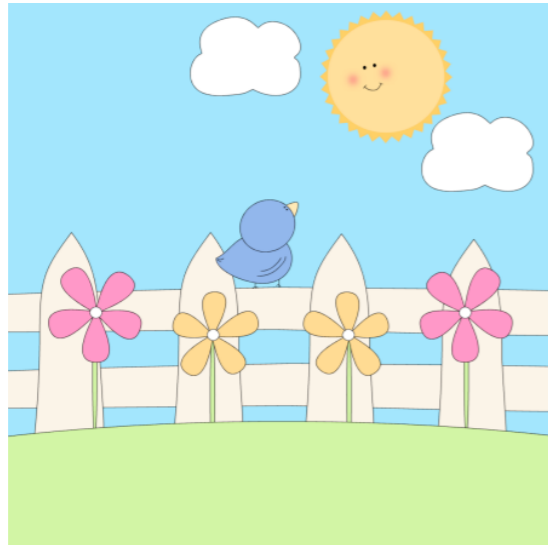


Spring is a time for changes!

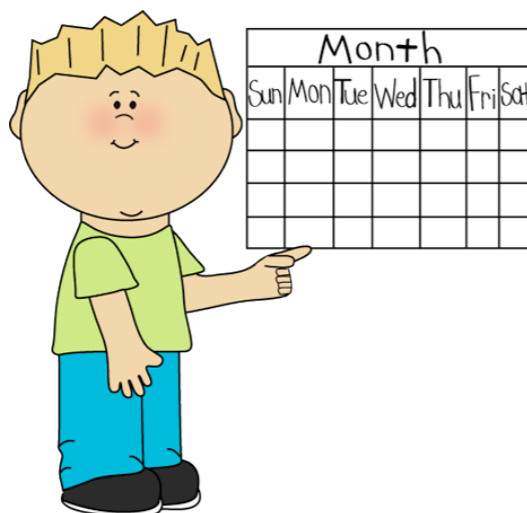
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# Spring Changes



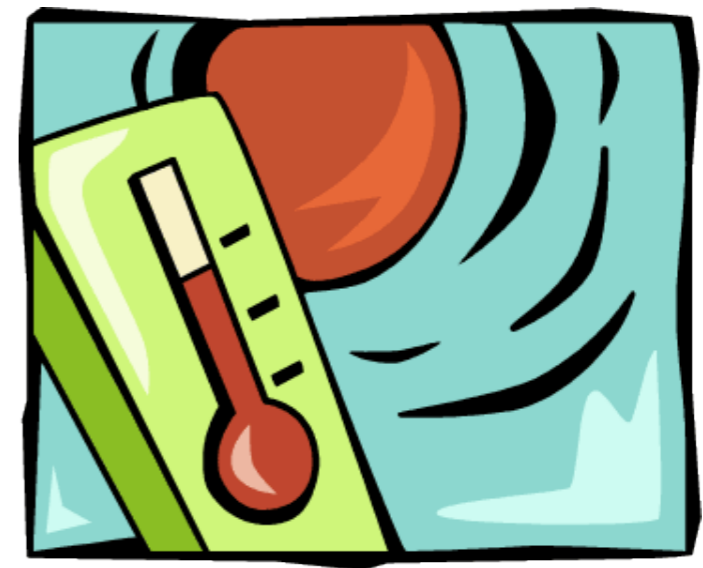
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Spring begins in March. When winter ends, spring begins.



Spring is one of four seasons. The seasons change as the Earth moves around the sun.

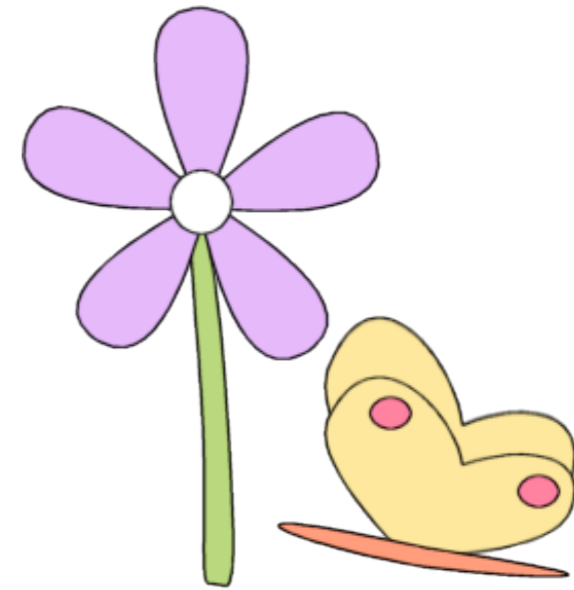


In most places, the temperature gets warmer in the spring.



The warmer temperatures and rain make plants grow and bloom.

4



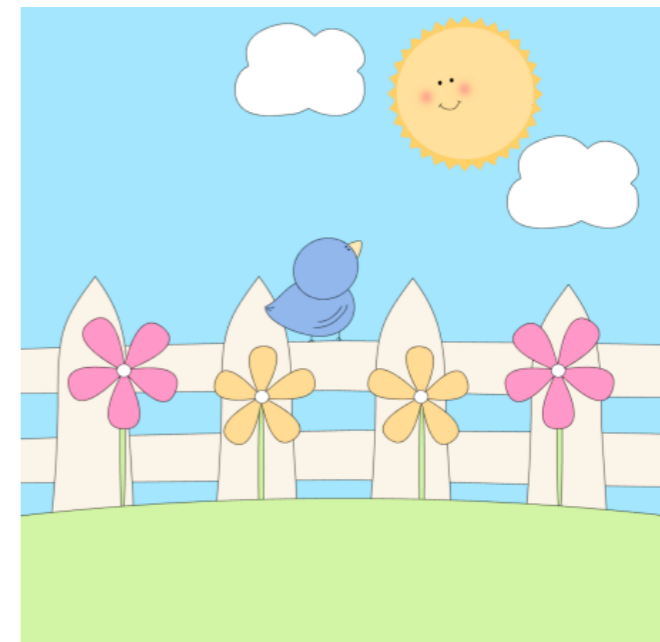
Flowers come up again after the cold winter, and insects come out.

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Many animal babies are also born in the spring, like these birds.

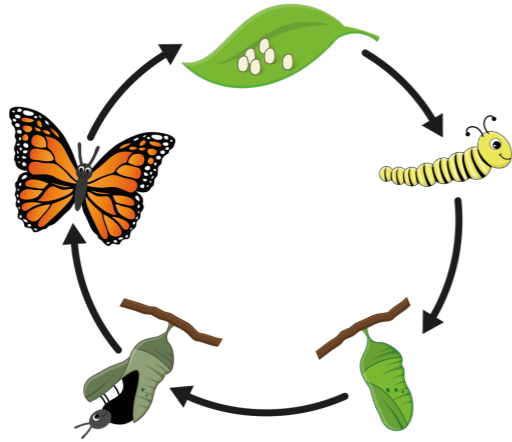
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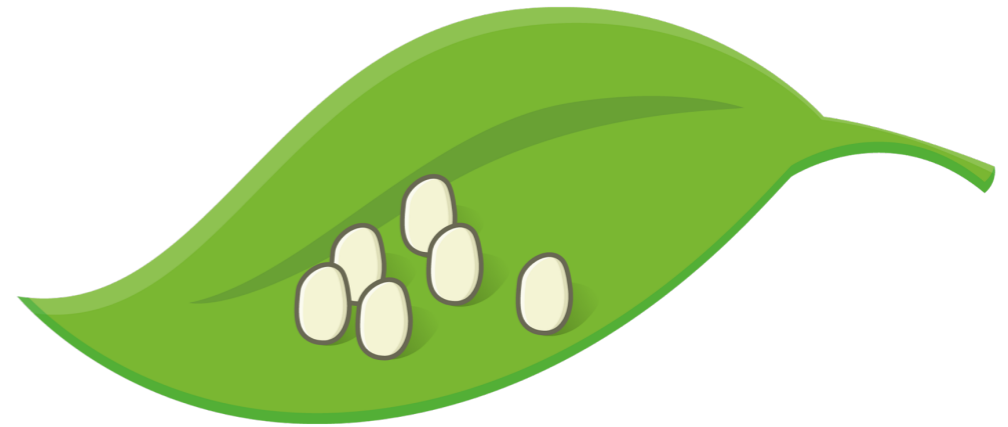
Spring is a time when living things grow and change.

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# How A Butterfly Grows



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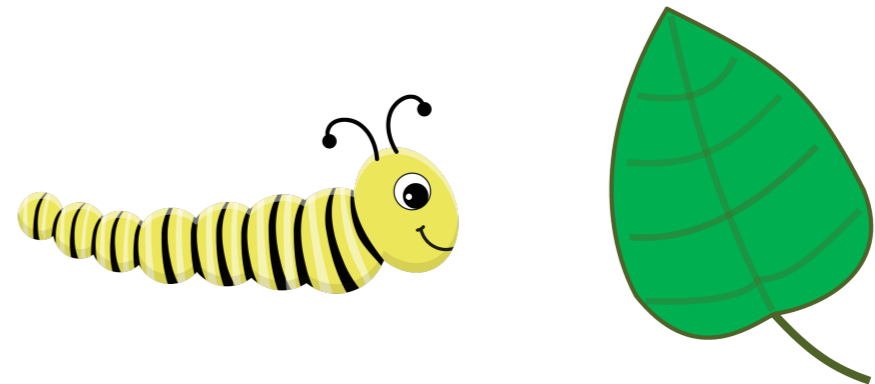
These are eggs.

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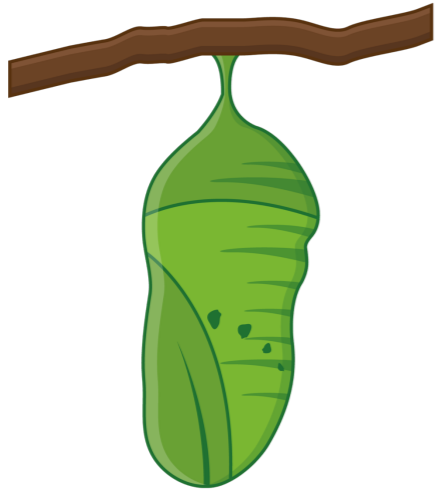
This is a caterpillar.

2



The caterpillar  
eats leaves.

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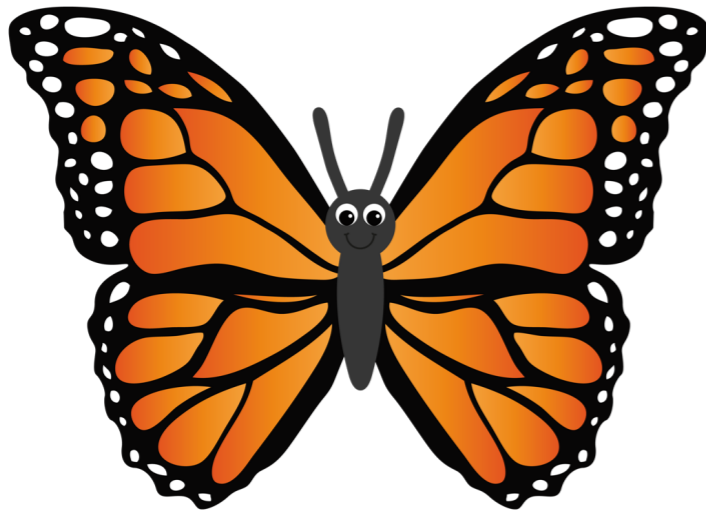
This is a chrysalis.

4



The chrysalis opens.

5



A butterfly comes out!

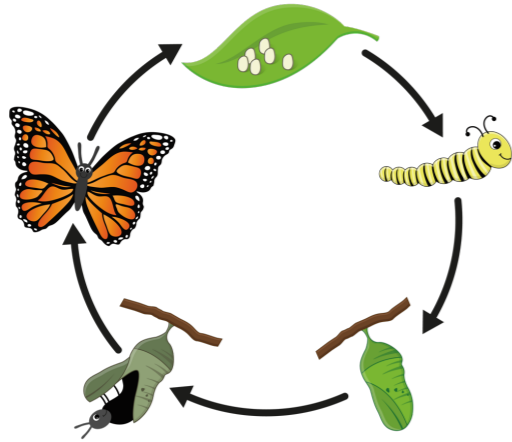
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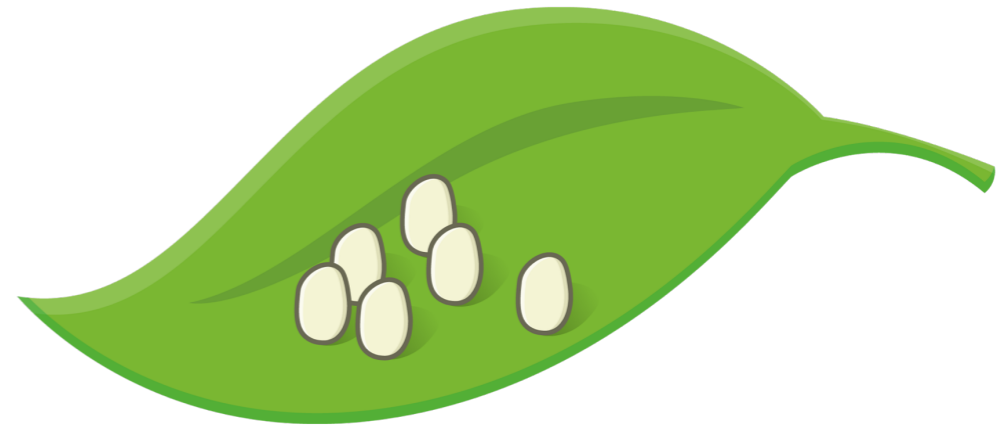
The butterfly lays eggs.

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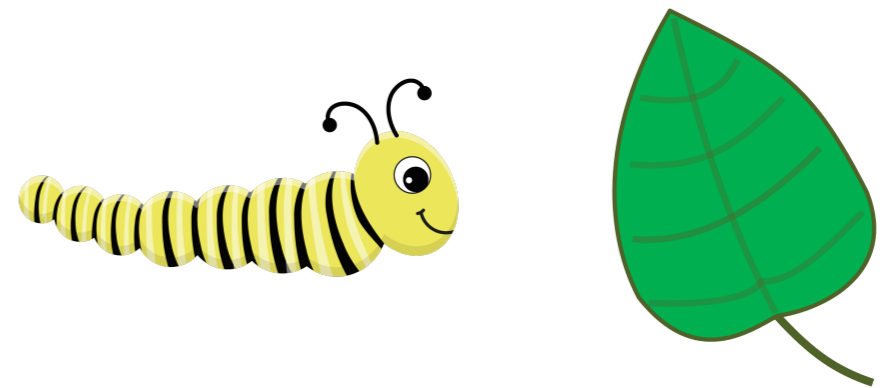
These are butterfly eggs on a leaf.

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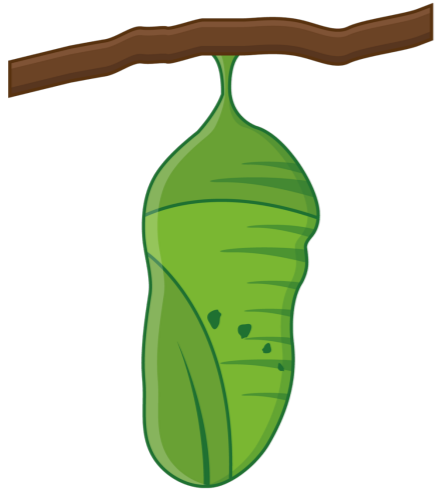
A caterpillar comes out of the egg.

2



The caterpillar eats leaves and grows bigger.

3



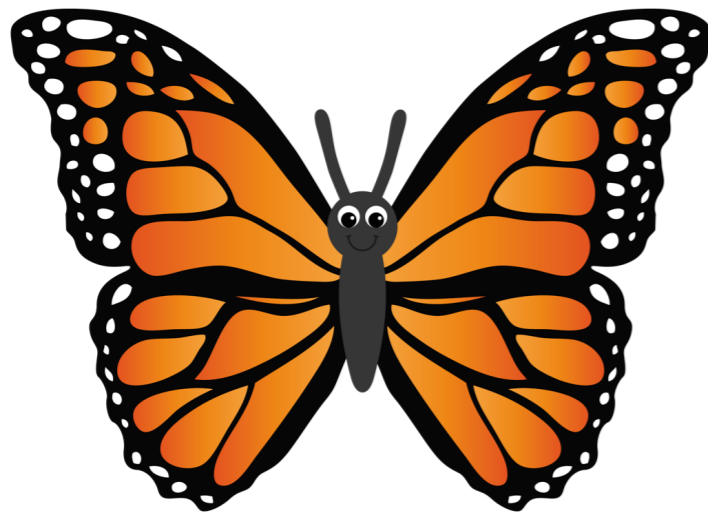
The caterpillar makes a chrysalis.

4



After a little while, the chrysalis opens.

5



A butterfly comes out! The butterfly has wings.

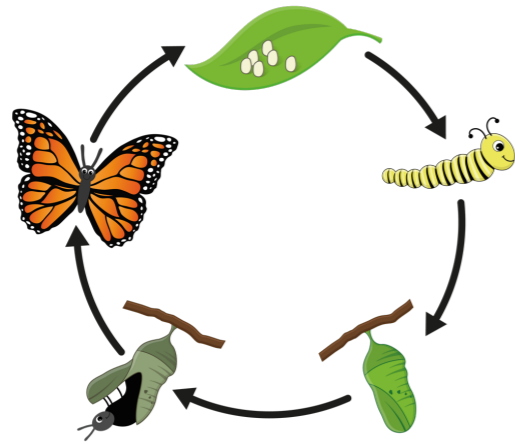
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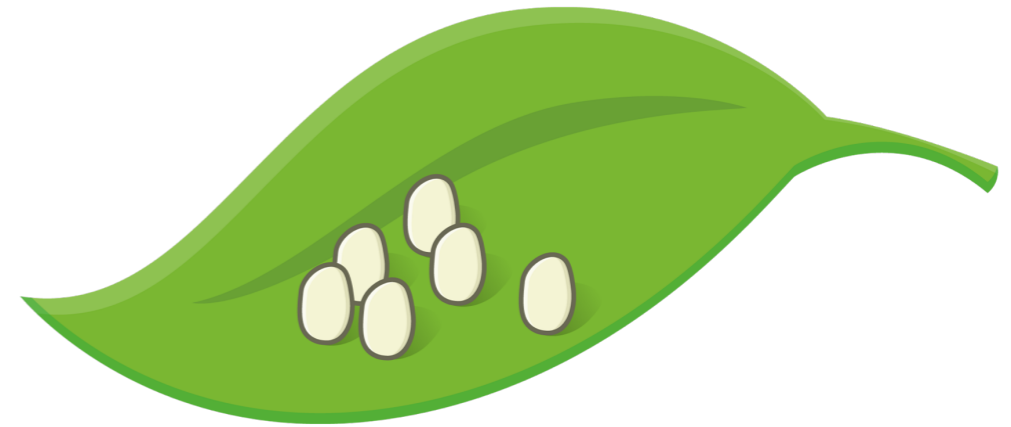
The butterfly lays its own eggs on another leaf!

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# The Butterfly Life Cycle



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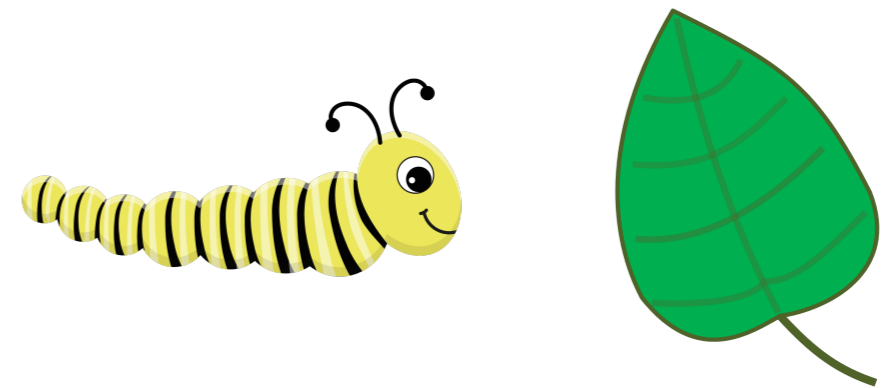
Butterflies lay their tiny eggs on leaves.

1



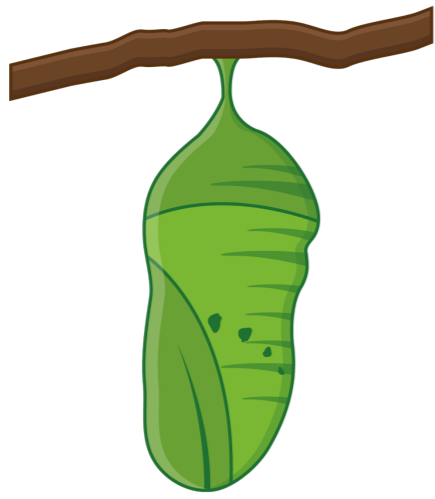
When the eggs hatch, small caterpillars come out.

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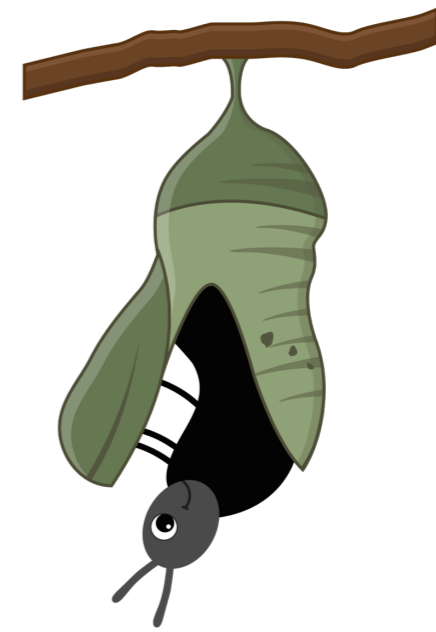
The caterpillars eat many leaves and grow bigger.

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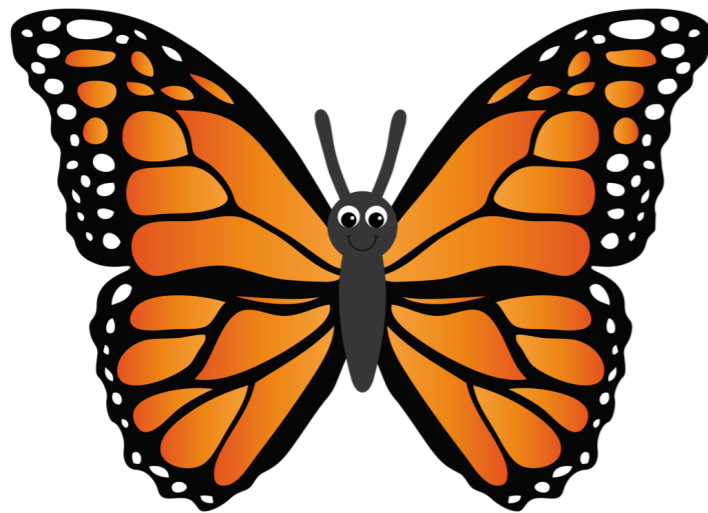
In time, a caterpillar will hang from a twig and make a chrysalis.

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The caterpillar changes inside the chrysalis. One day, the chrysalis opens...

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...and out comes a beautiful butterfly!

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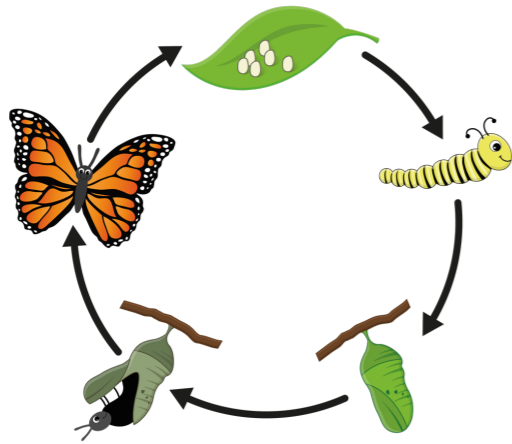


The life cycle starts again when the butterfly lays its own eggs on a leaf.

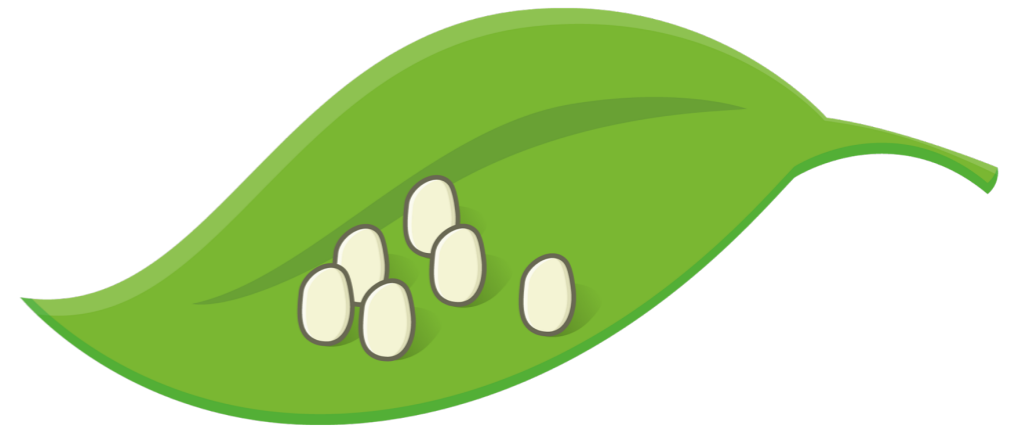
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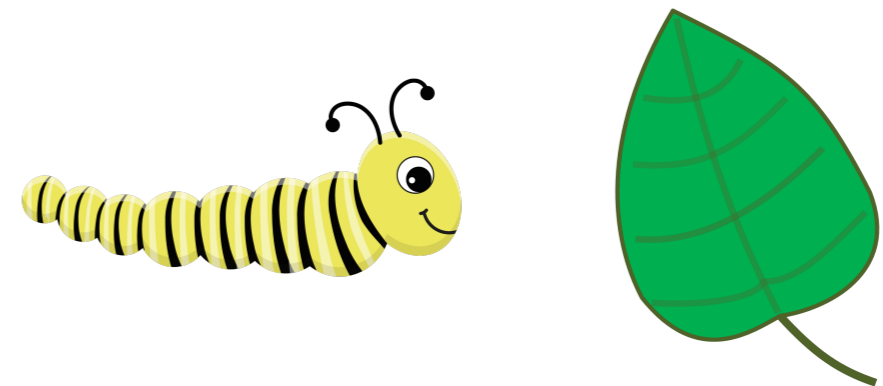
Butterflies lay their eggs on leaves. They lay many eggs at a time.

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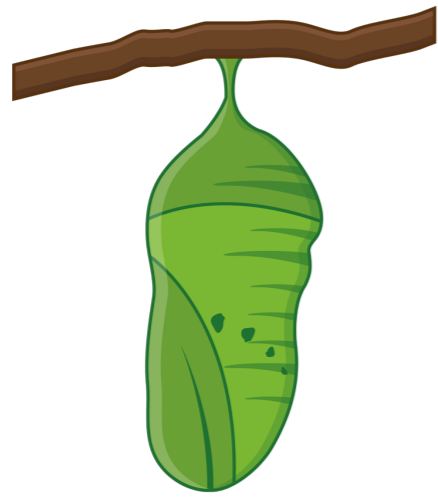
When the eggs hatch, caterpillars come out. The caterpillar eats the egg it came from.

2

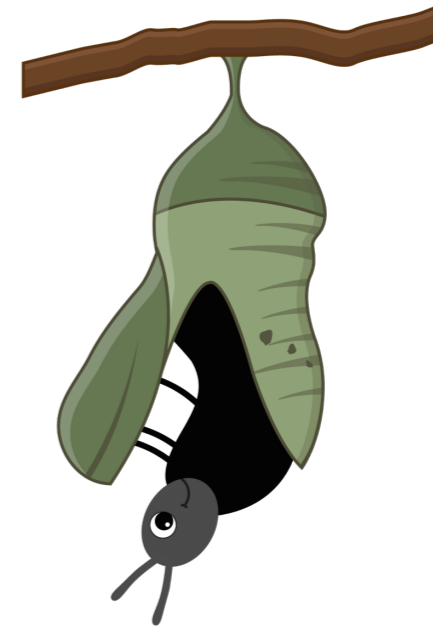


The caterpillar keeps eating and eating. It eats leaves and grows very quickly.

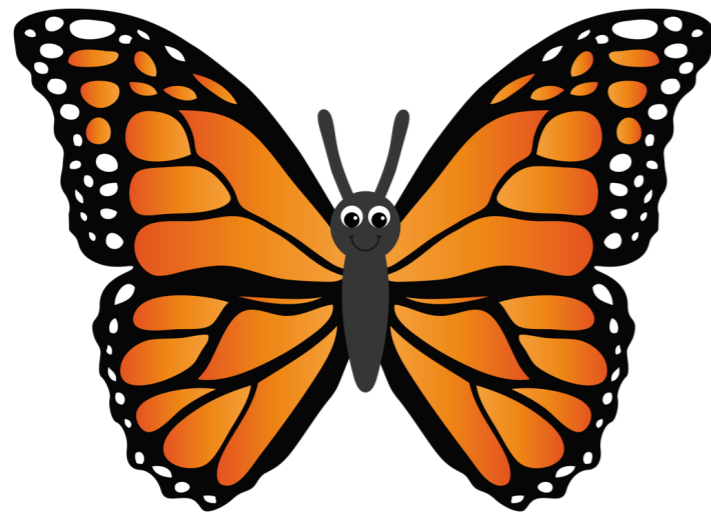
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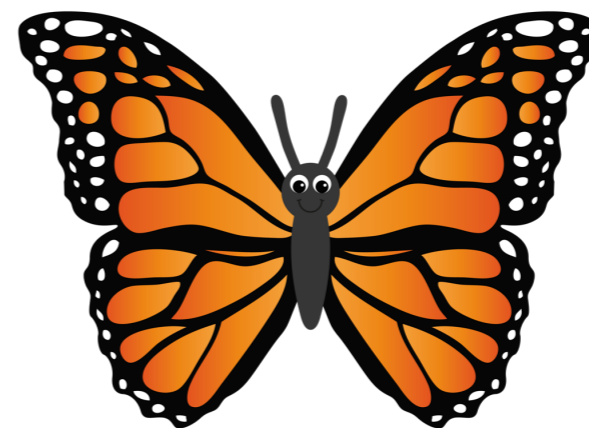
One day, the caterpillar hangs from a twig and makes a chrysalis. 4



The caterpillar goes through special changes when it is inside the chrysalis. 5

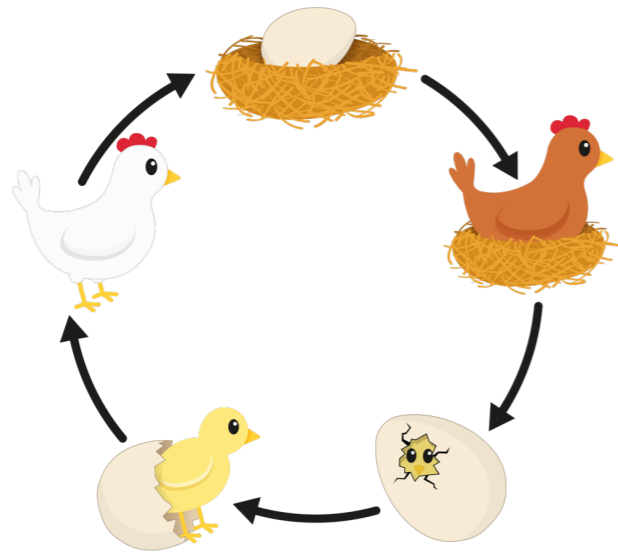


Out from the chrysalis comes a beautiful butterfly!

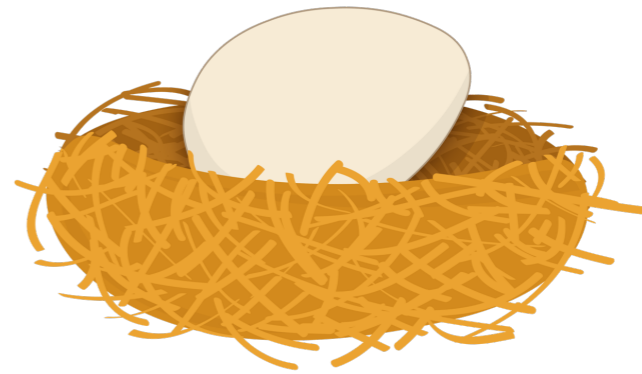


The butterfly lays its own eggs, and the life cycle begins all over again. 7

# Egg to Chicken



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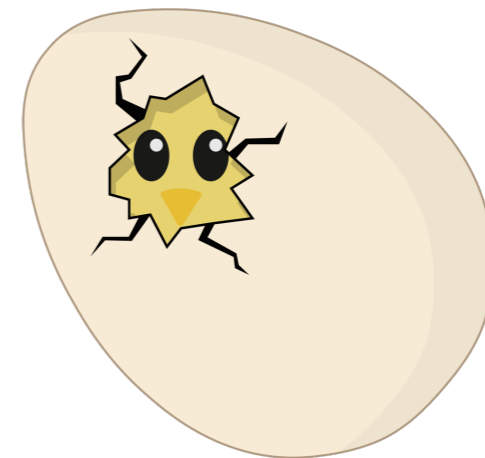
This is an egg.

1



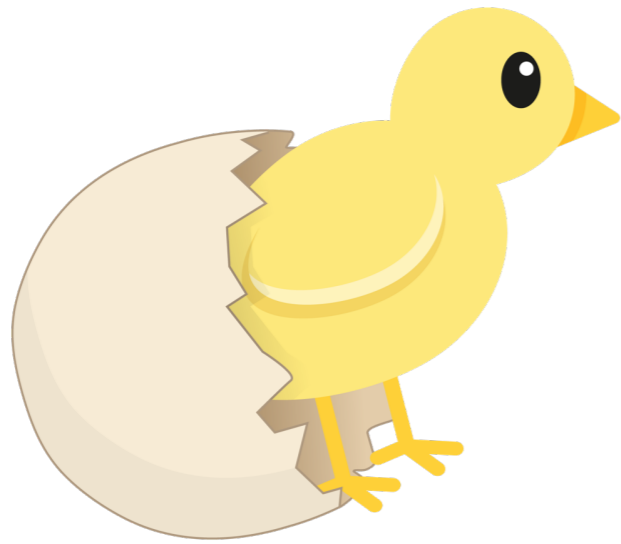
The hen sits on  
the egg.

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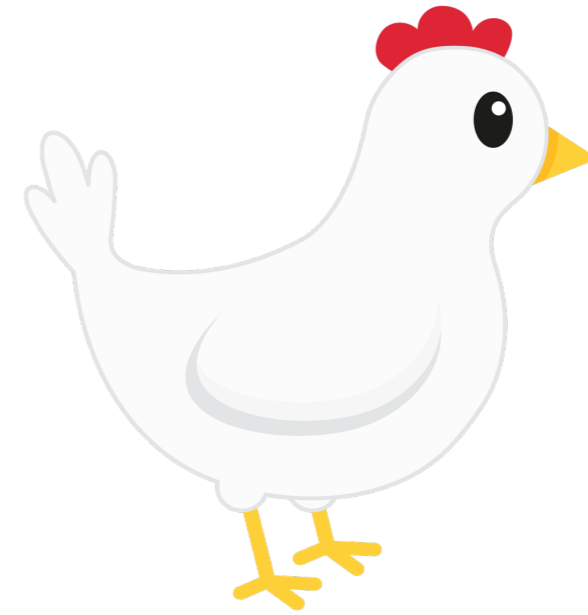
The chick will peck.

3



The chick comes out.

4



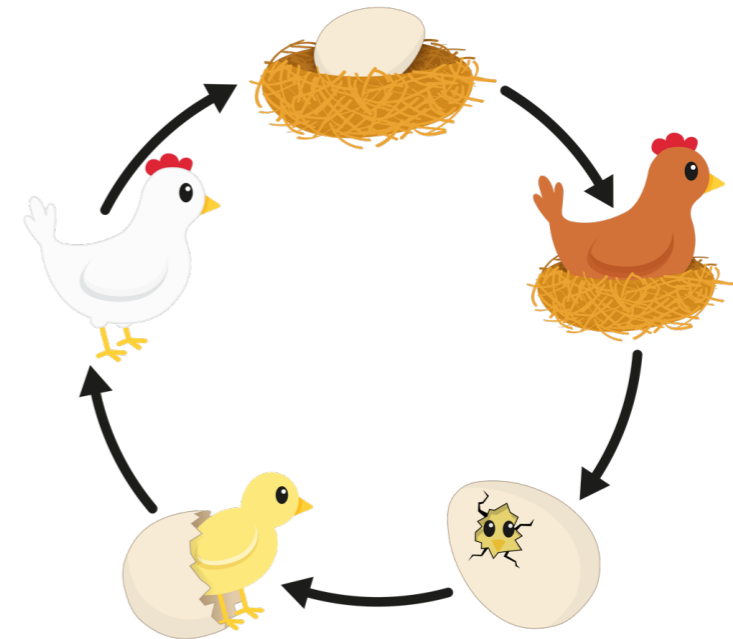
Now it is a chicken.

5



The new chicken lays eggs, too.

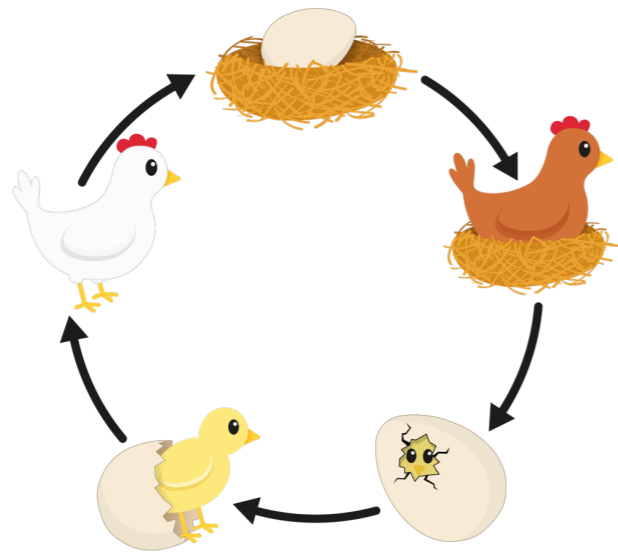
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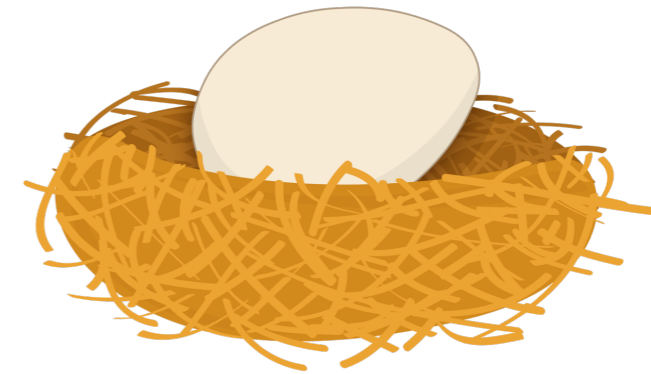
That is the life cycle.

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# Egg to Chicken

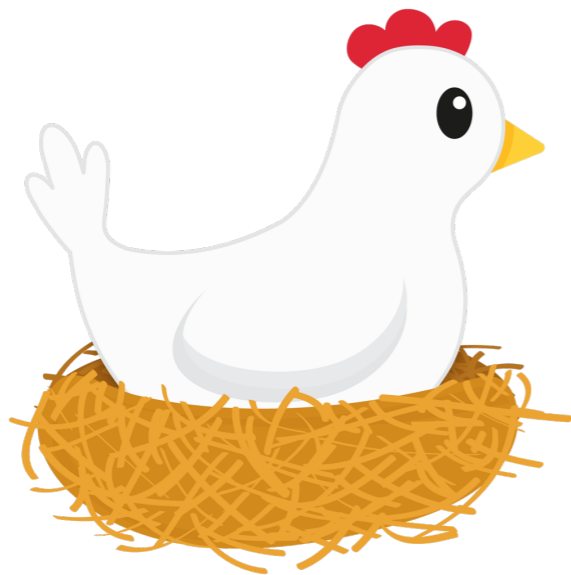


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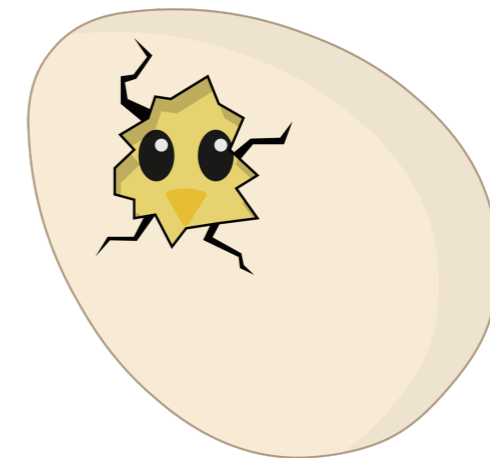
This is a chicken egg in a nest.

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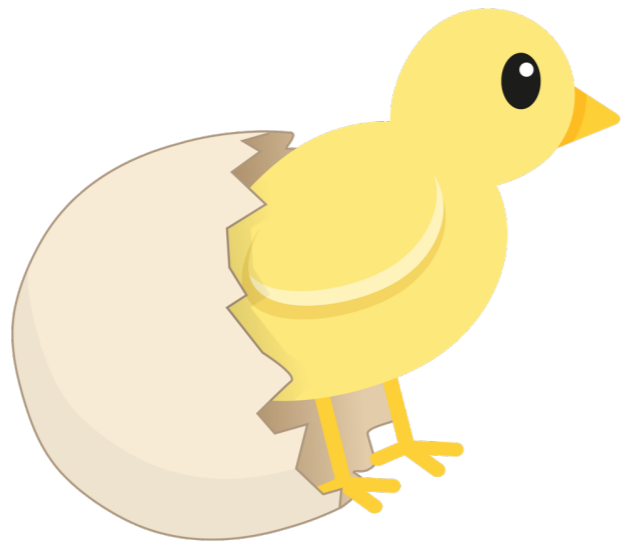
The hen sits on the egg to keep it warm.

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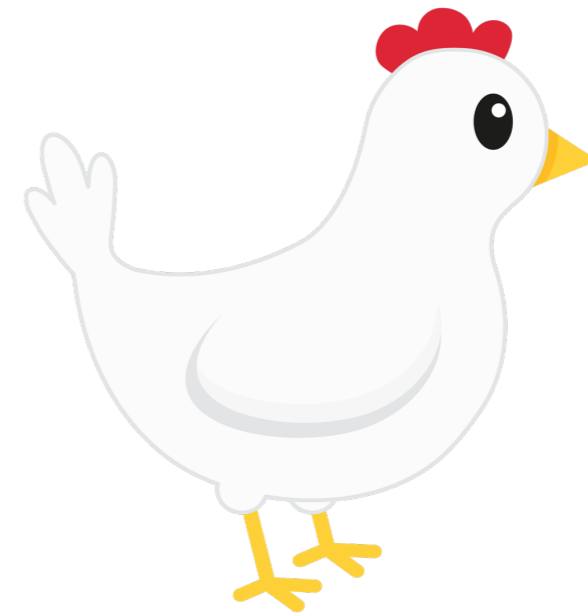
The egg starts to hatch.

3



Out comes a  
little chick!

4



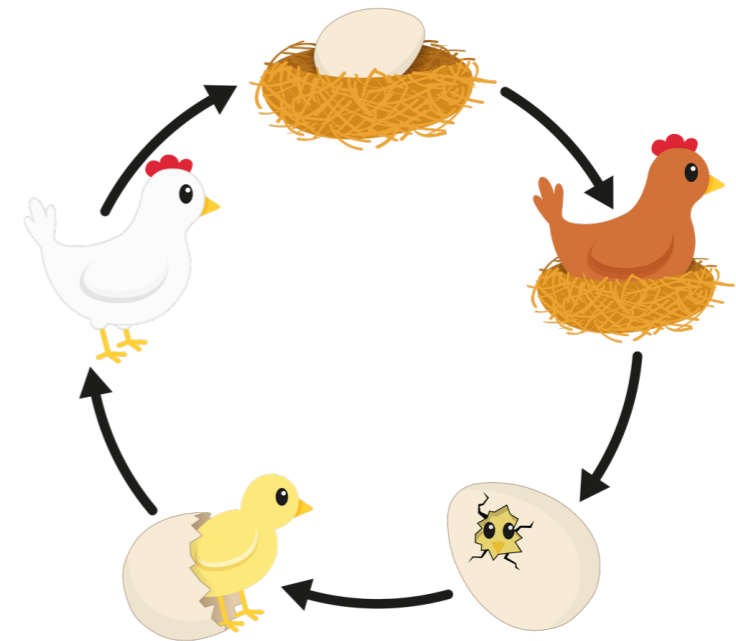
The chick grows up.

5



In time, the new chicken will  
lay eggs, too.

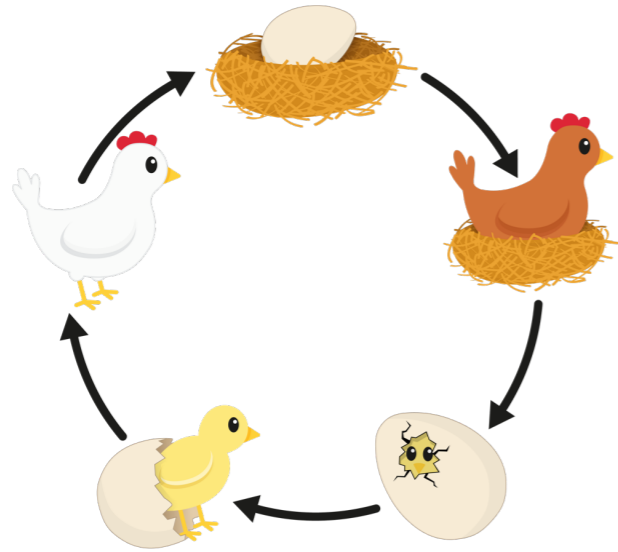
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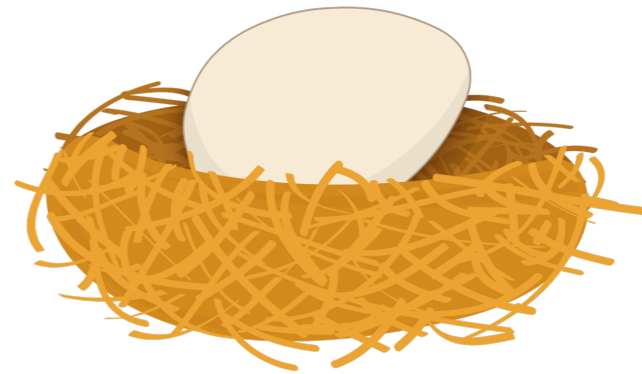
The life cycle starts all  
over again!

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# The Chicken Life Cycle



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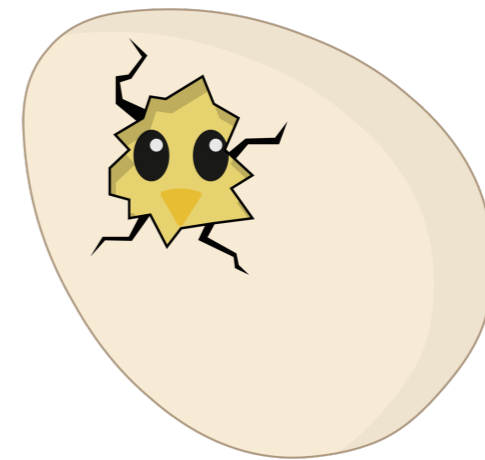
Female chickens, or hens, lay eggs in a nest.

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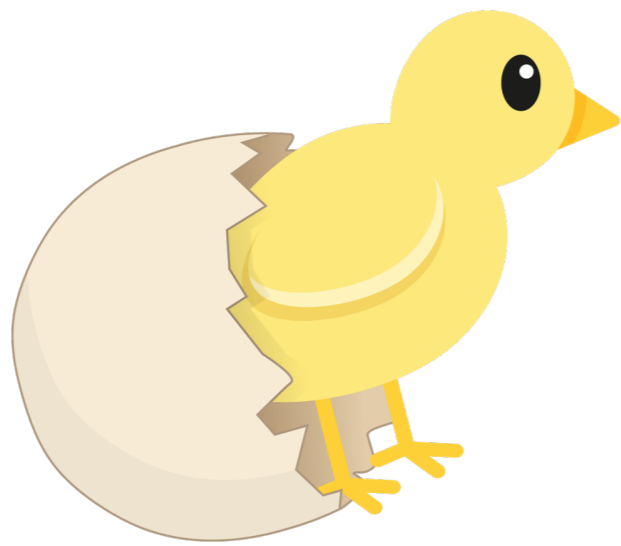
The hen sits on the nest, keeping the eggs warm.

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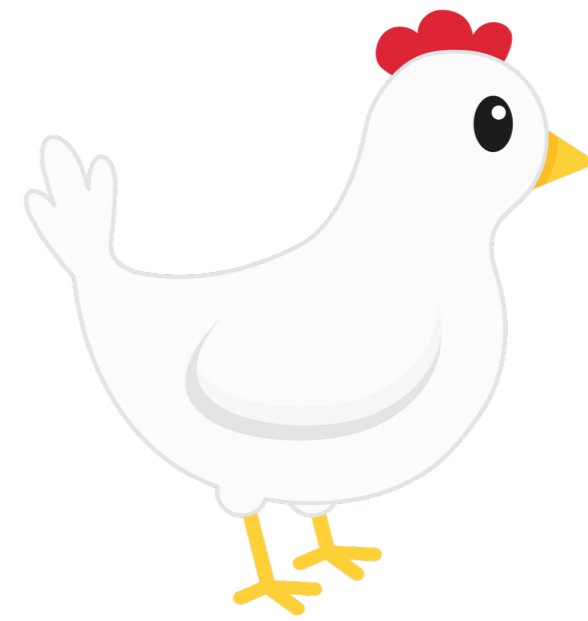
In about three weeks, an egg will start to hatch.

3



The chick will peck and peck until it comes out of the egg.

4



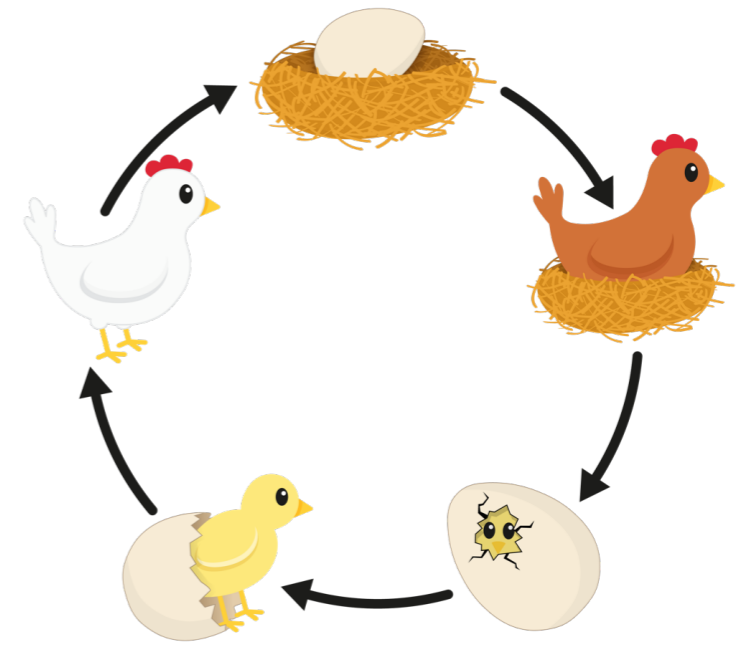
The chick grows up. It grows feathers.

5



In time, the new chicken will lay eggs of its own.

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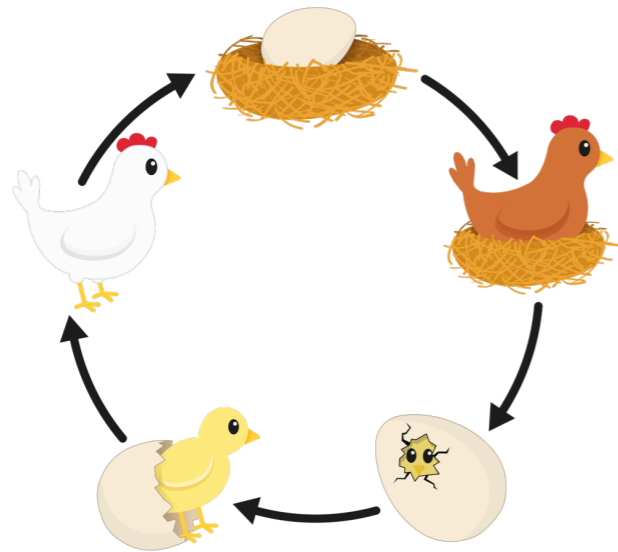


The life cycle starts again!

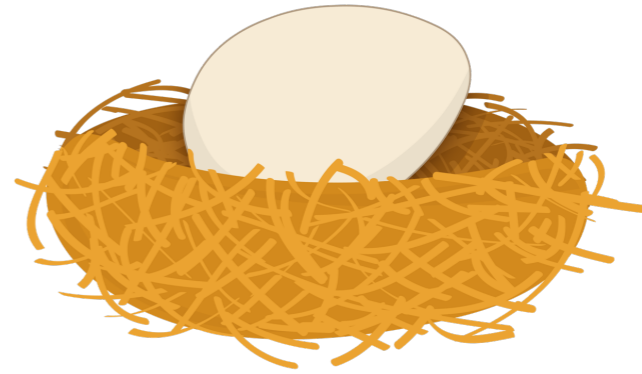
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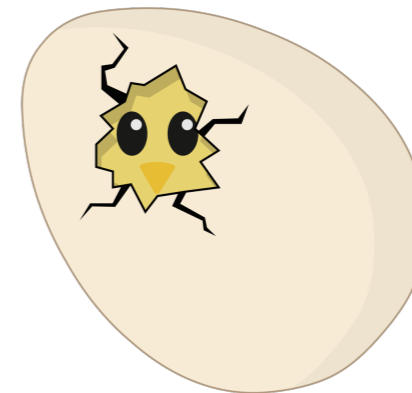
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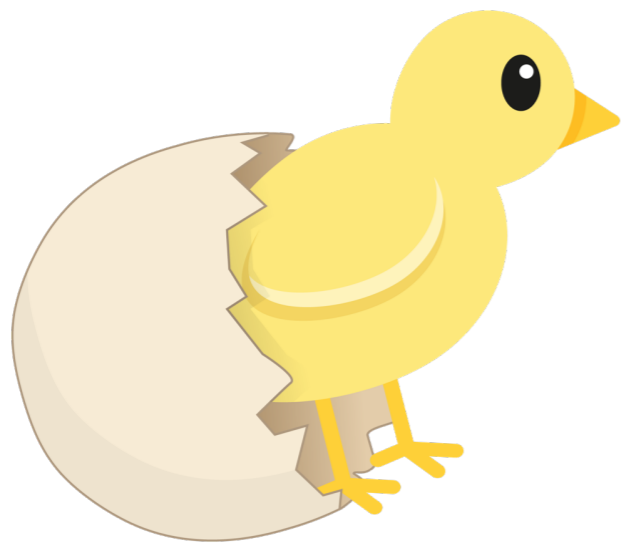
This is a chicken egg.  
Female chickens lay  
their eggs in nests.



The hen keeps its eggs  
warm by sitting on the  
nest.

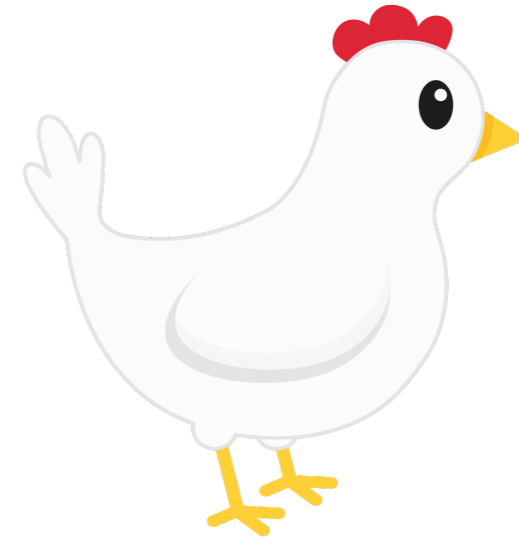


In about three weeks, the  
little chick will start to break  
open the shell.



The chick keeps pecking until it can leave the egg.

4



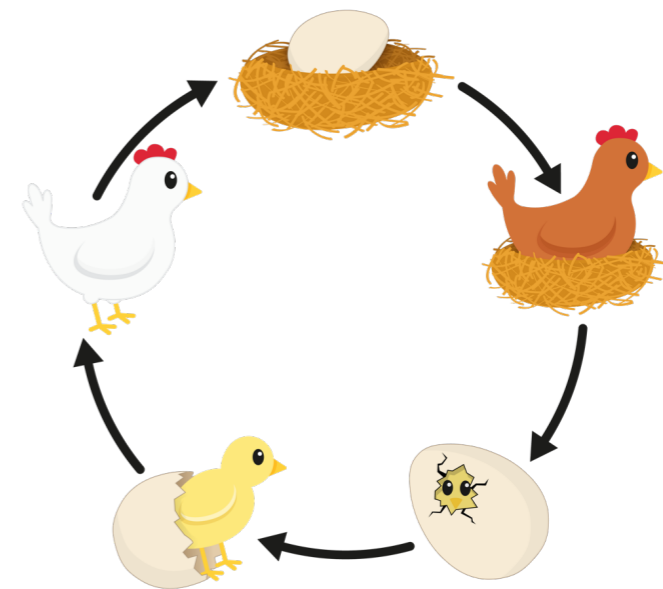
The chick loses its yellow down and grows white or brown feathers. It is now an adult chicken.

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In time, the new chicken will lay its own eggs.

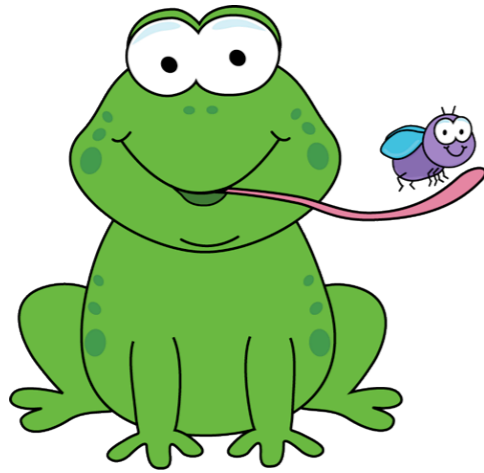
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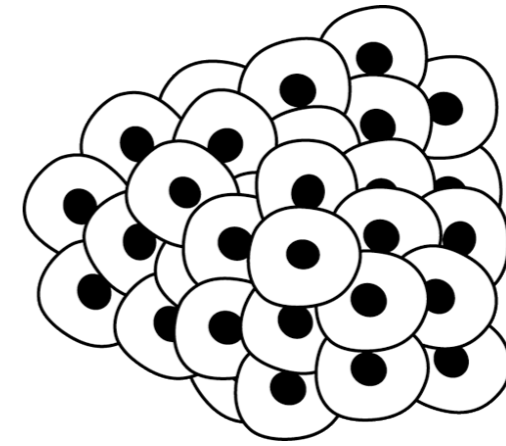
The life cycle keeps happening again and again!

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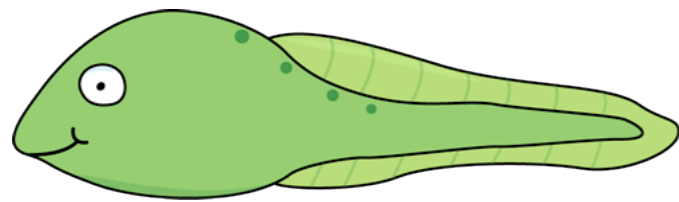
# How Frogs Grow



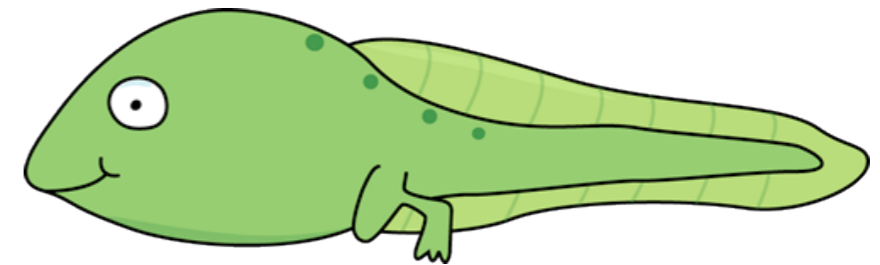
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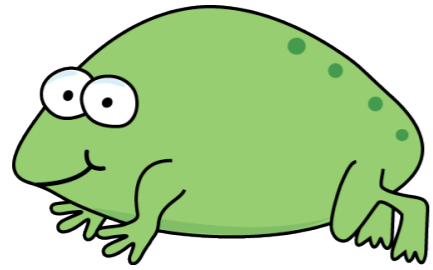
These are frog eggs.



This is a tadpole.

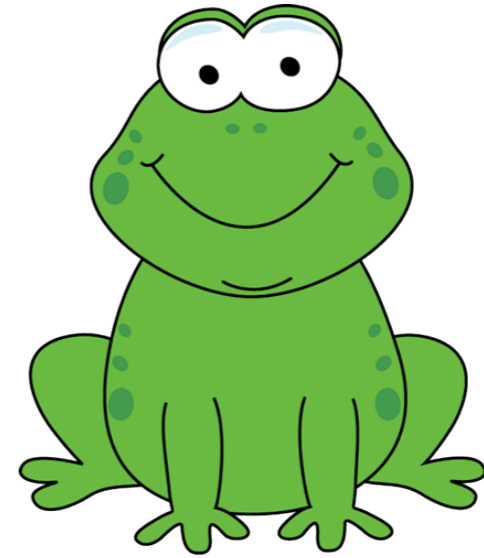


The tadpole  
grows legs.



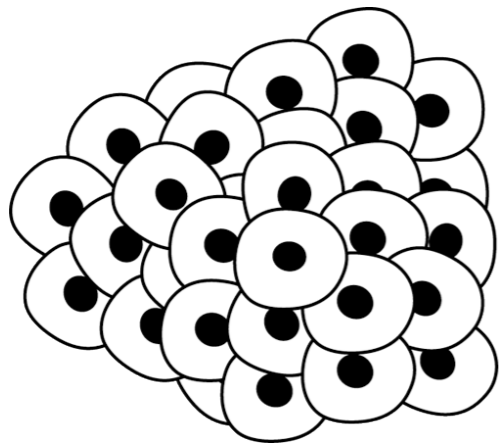
Now it is a froglet.

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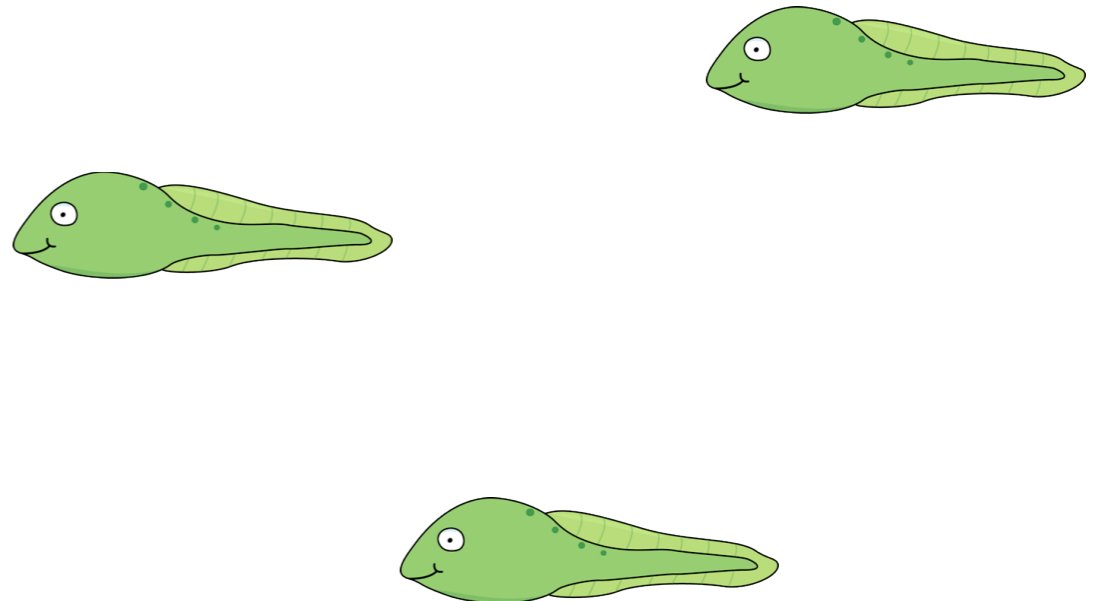
Last, it is a frog.

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The new frog will lay eggs, too.

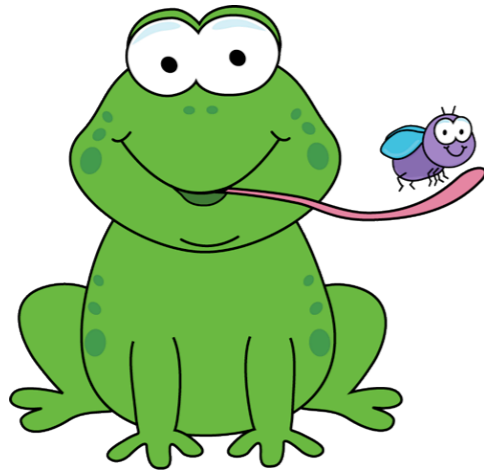
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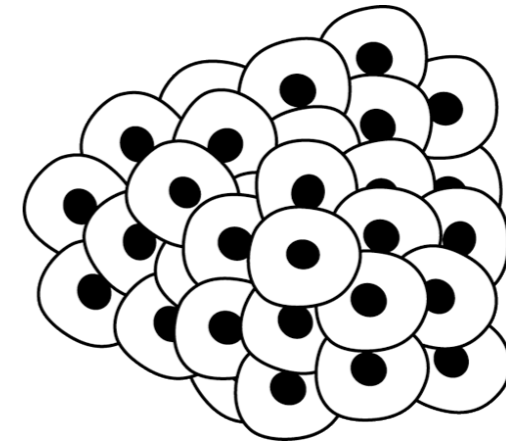
More tadpoles hatch!

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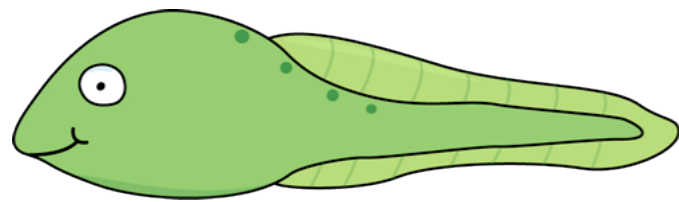
# The Life Cycle of a Frog



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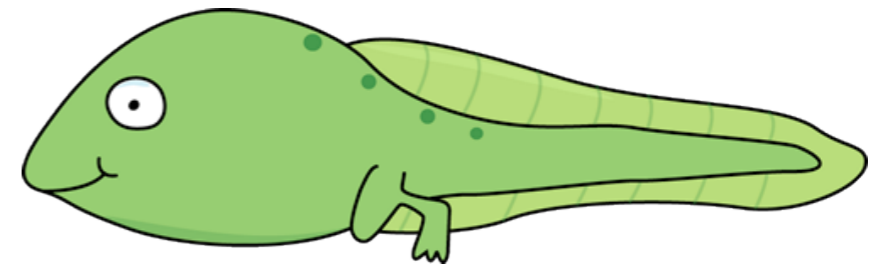


A frog lays eggs in  
the water.



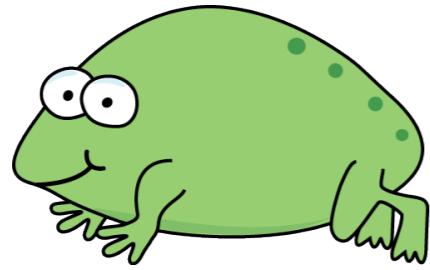
Tadpoles come out  
of the eggs.

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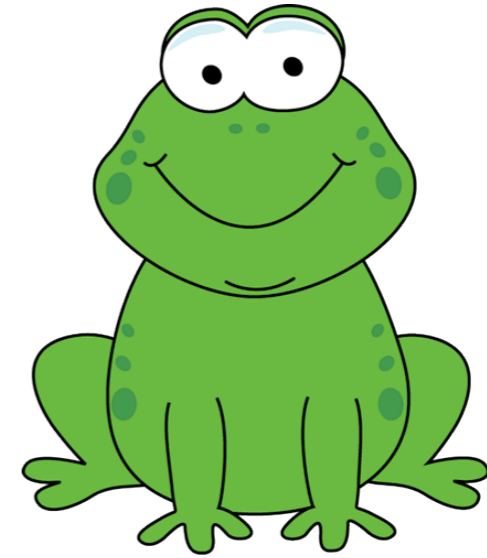
The tadpoles start to  
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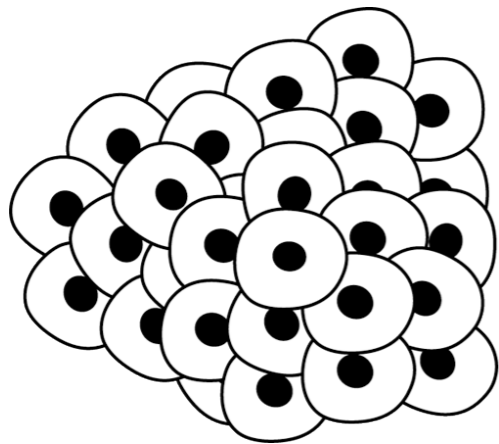
Now the tadpoles have four legs. They are froglets.

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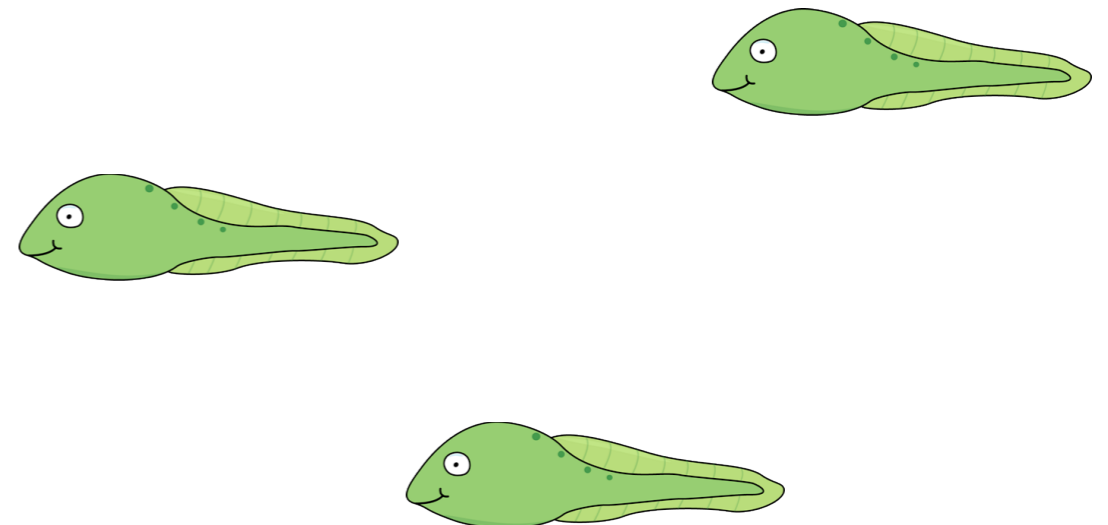
The frogs are big now!

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They will soon lay their own eggs.

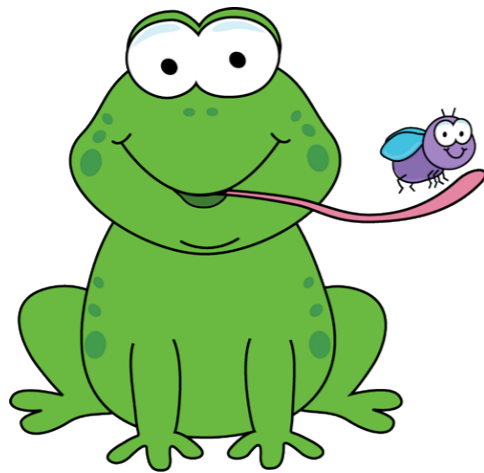
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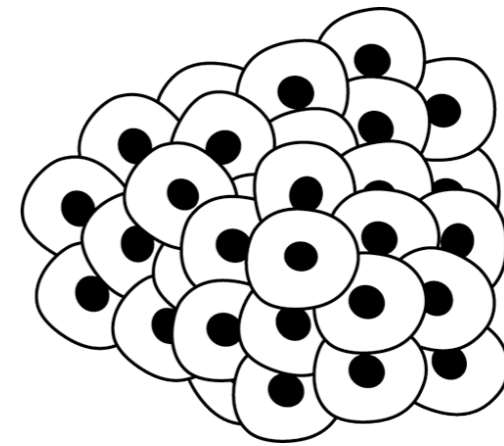
New tadpoles will hatch. The life cycle starts again!

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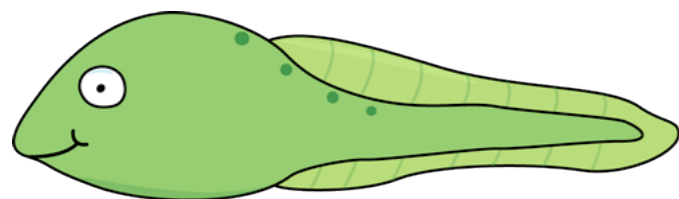
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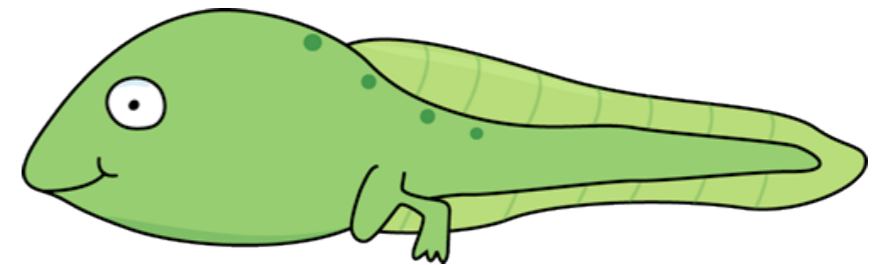


A female frog lays its  
eggs in the water.



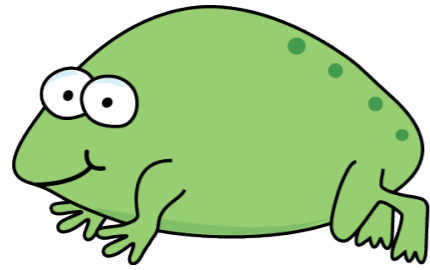
Tadpoles hatch from  
the tiny eggs.

2



The back legs start to grow.

3



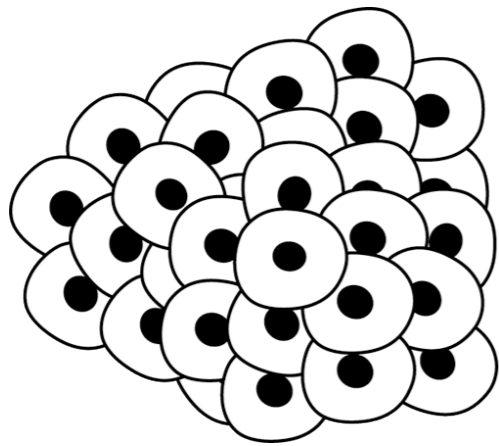
Then, the front legs grow.

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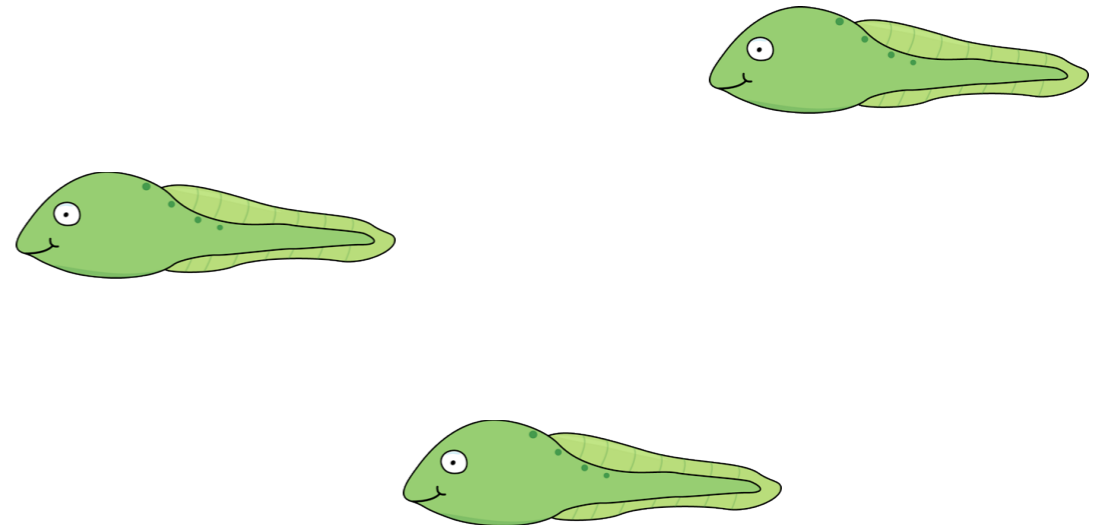
Now the tadpoles are  
adult frogs!

5



Adult frogs will lay their own  
eggs in the water.

6

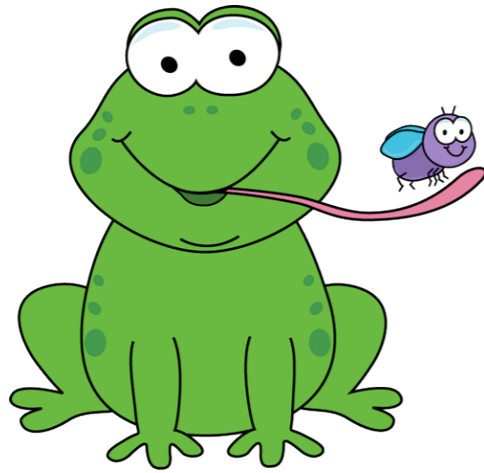


New tadpoles will hatch, and the  
life cycle starts again!

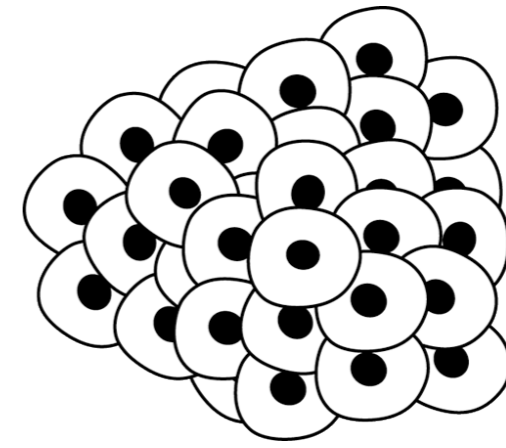
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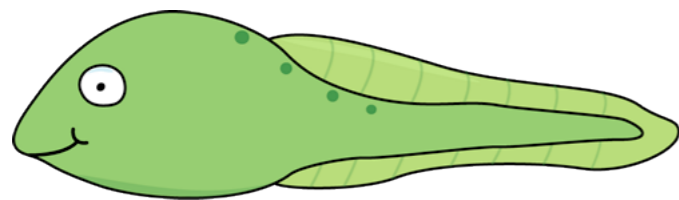
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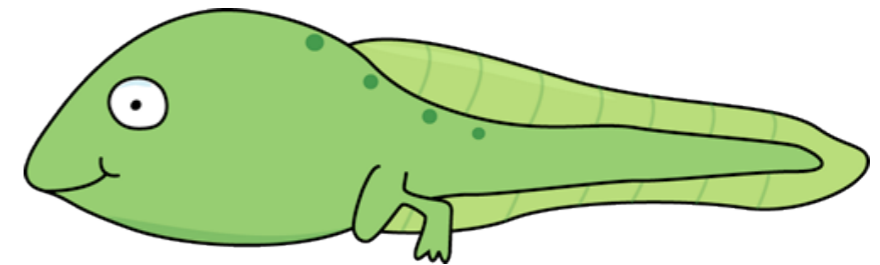
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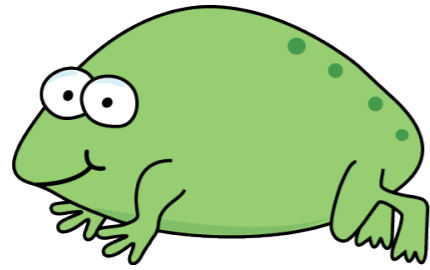
Female frogs lay their eggs in the water. The eggs are soft, like jelly, and black in the middle.



Tadpoles hatch from the eggs. The tadpoles swim around and eat plants in the water.

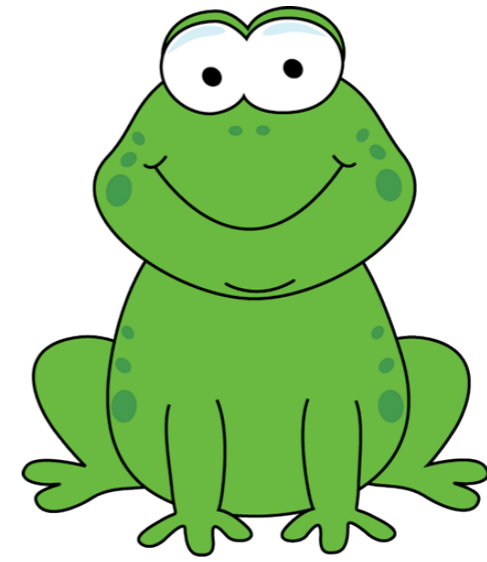


The tadpoles' bodies change and grow. First, the tadpoles grow back legs.



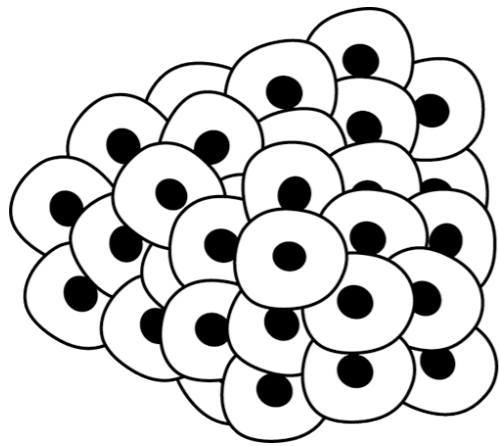
Next, the tadpoles' back legs grow.  
Now they are called froglets.

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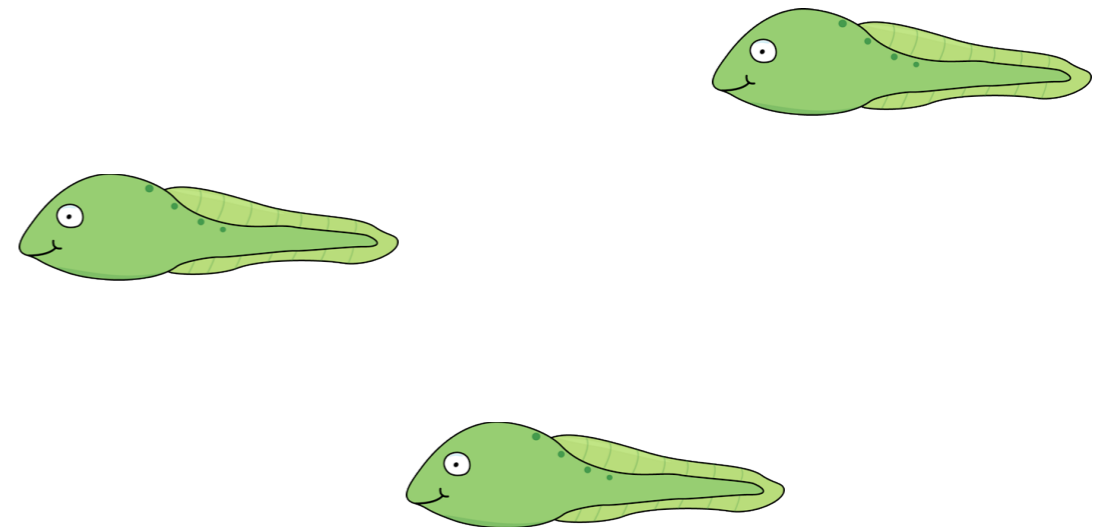
The tadpoles grow up and become  
adult frogs. Now they live on the  
land and in the water.

5



In time, adult frogs will  
lay their own eggs in the water.

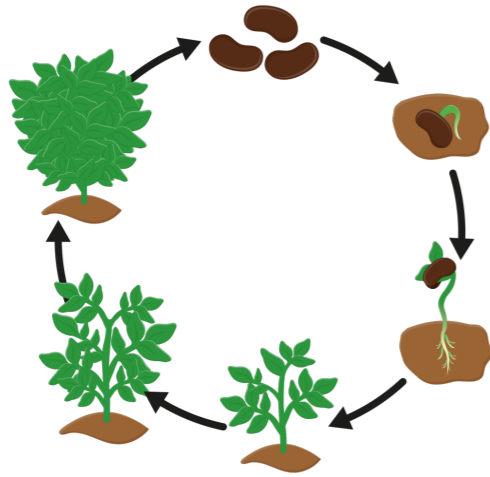
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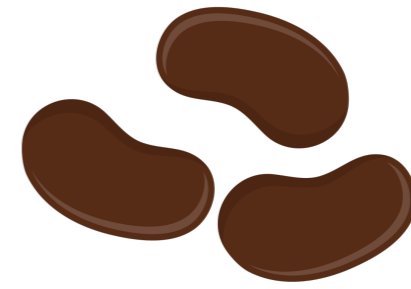
New tadpoles will hatch from the  
eggs, and the life cycle  
begins again!

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# How Plants Grow

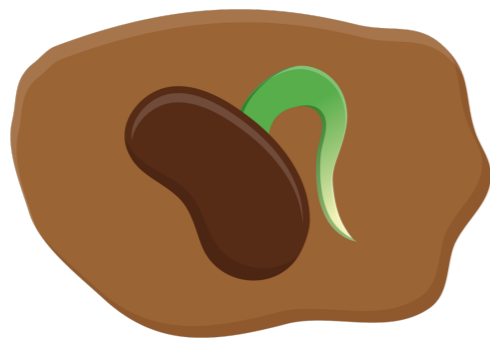


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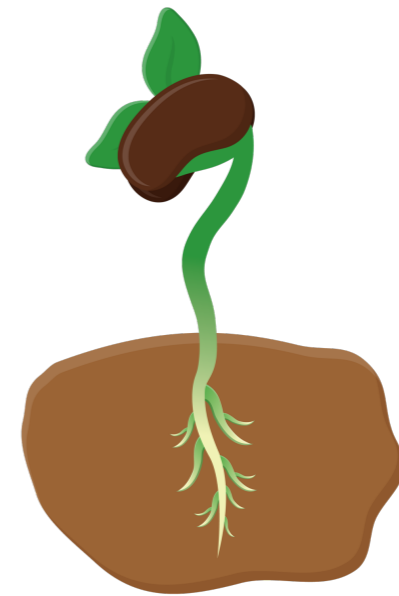
Seeds

1



Small roots

2



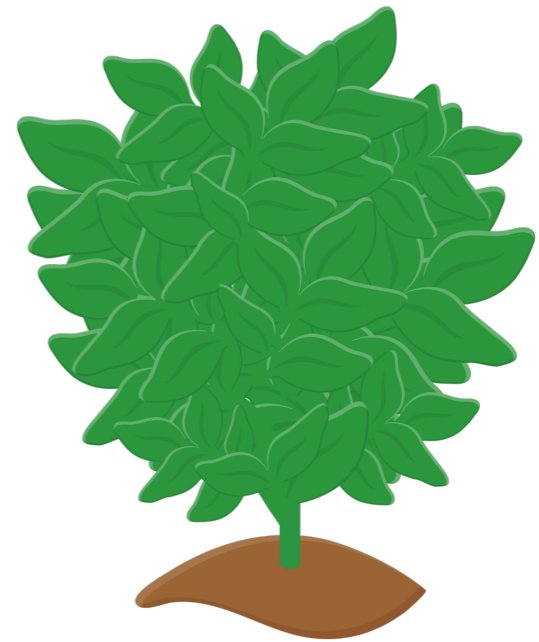
Sprout

3



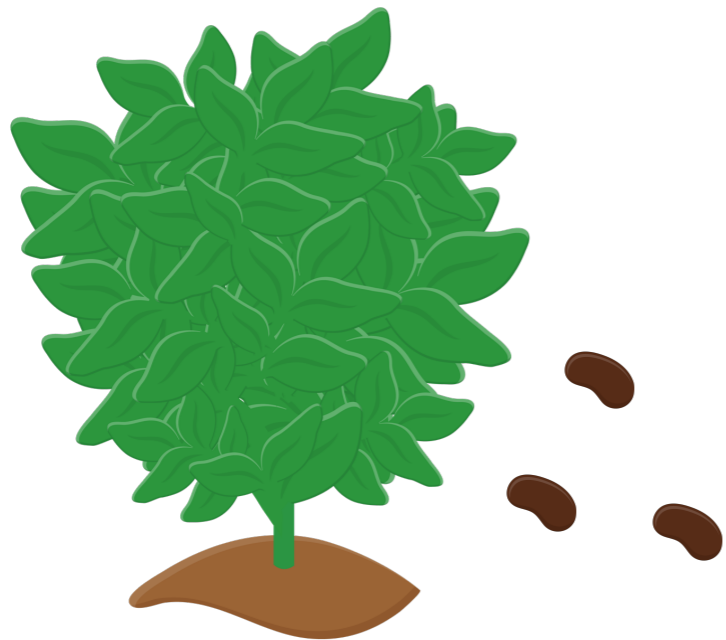
Young plant

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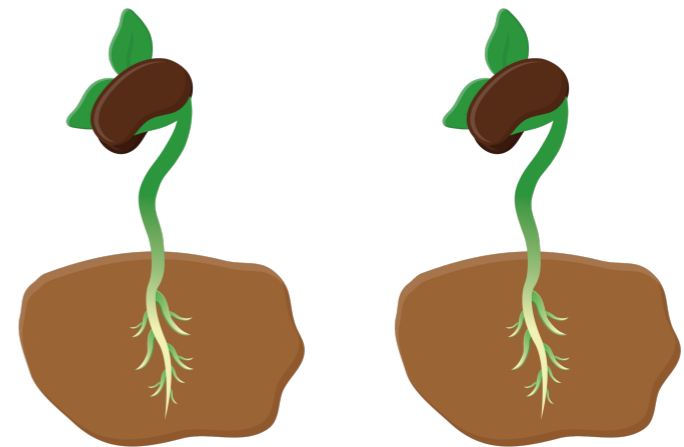
Adult plant

5



More seeds

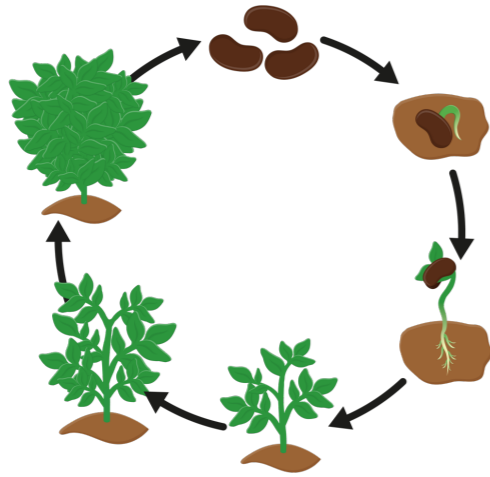
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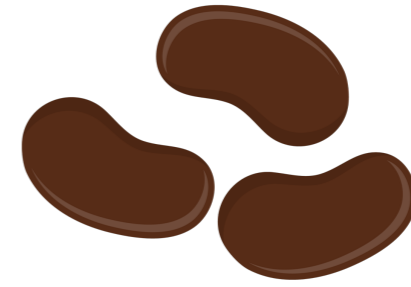
New plants!

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# How Plants Grow

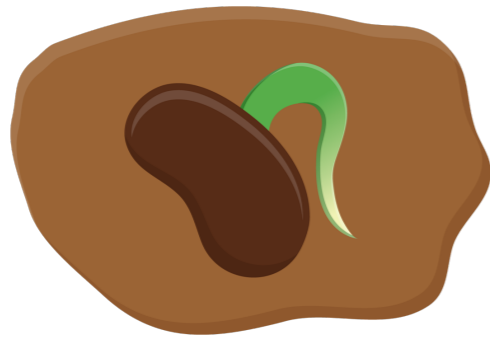


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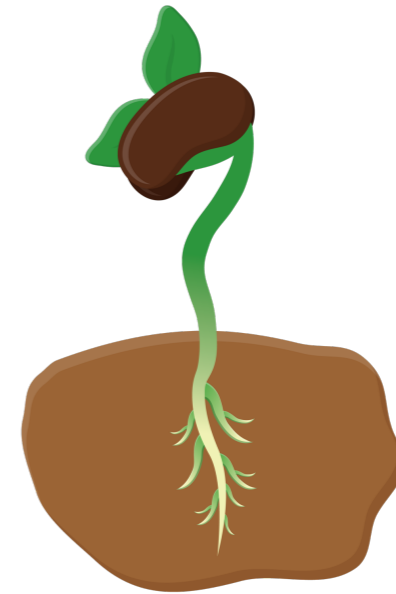
These are seeds.

1



This seed starts to grow.

2



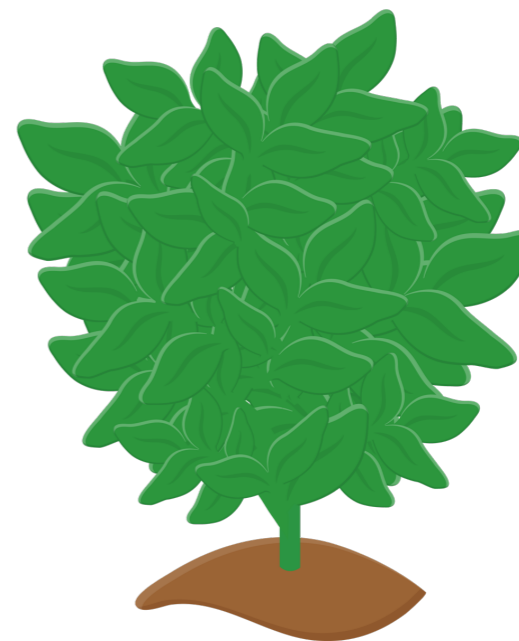
Now it is a sprout.

3



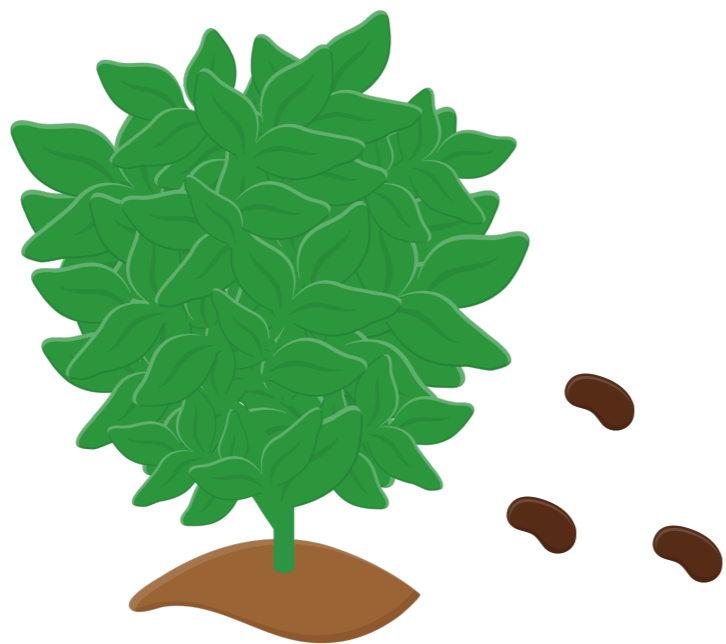
It grows to be a young plant.

4



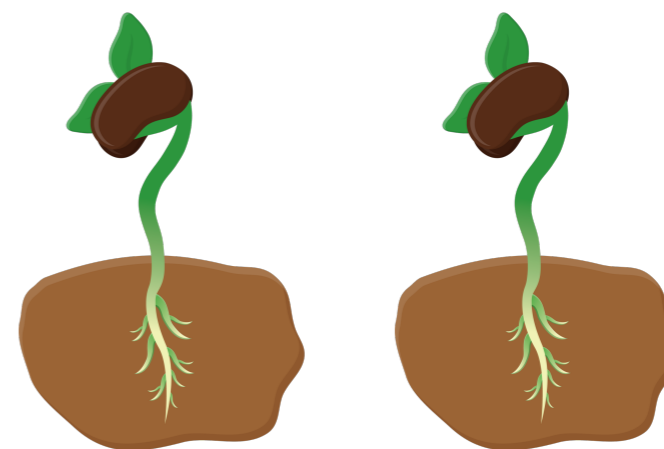
Last, it is an adult plant.

5



New seeds come from the adult plant.

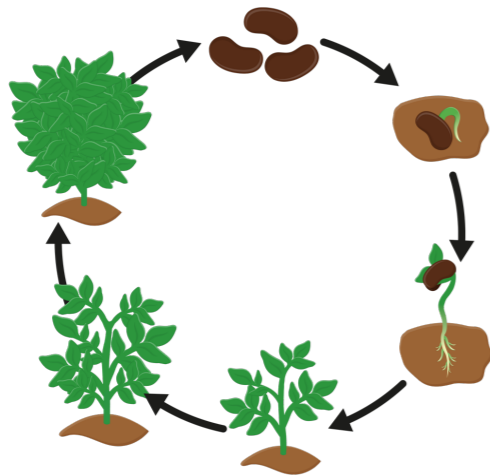
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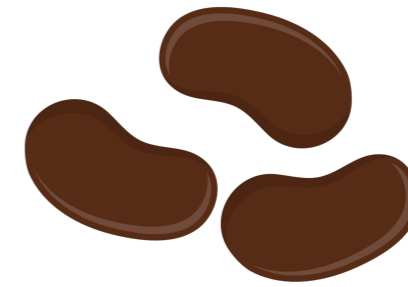
Now more plants grow!

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# The Plant Life Cycle

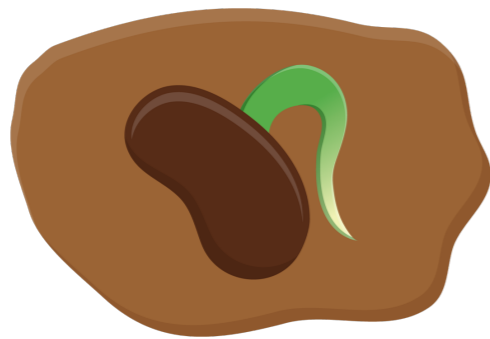


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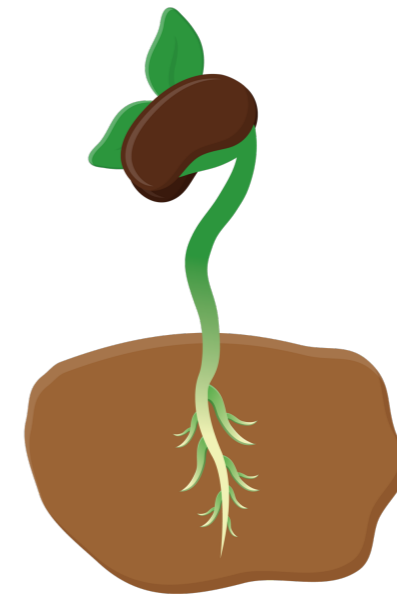
All plants start as seeds.

1



If a seed has what it needs, it will grow.

2



The seed becomes a sprout.

3



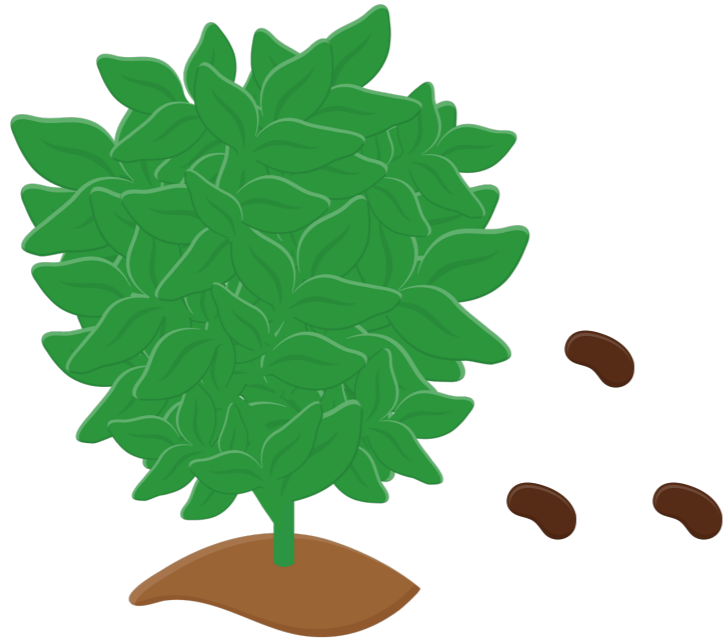
Next, it grows to be a young plant. It is still small.

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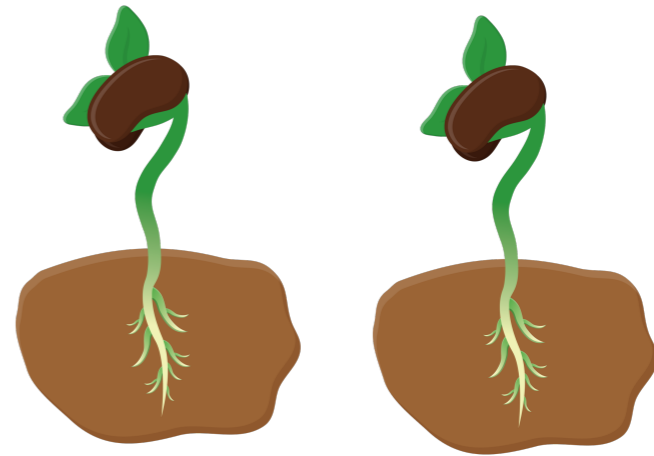
Last, it is an adult plant.

5



Adult plants make new seeds.

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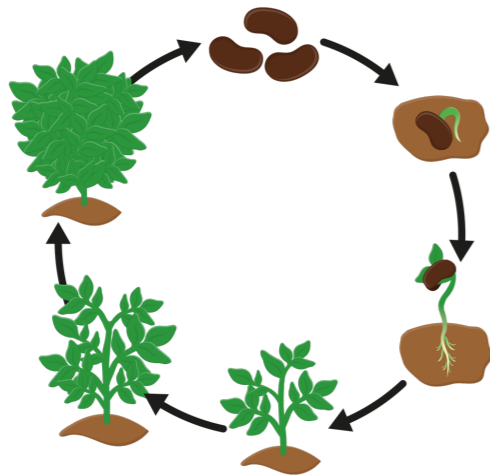


New plants grow from those seeds!

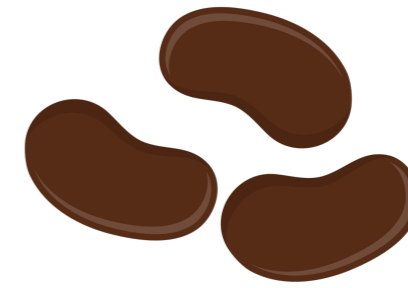
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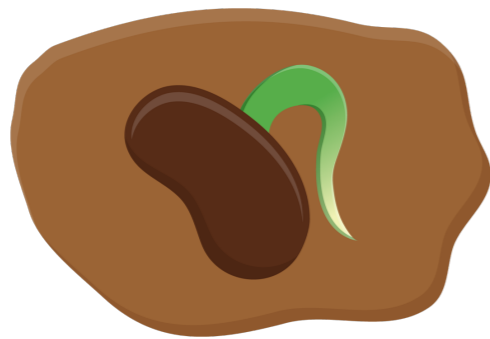


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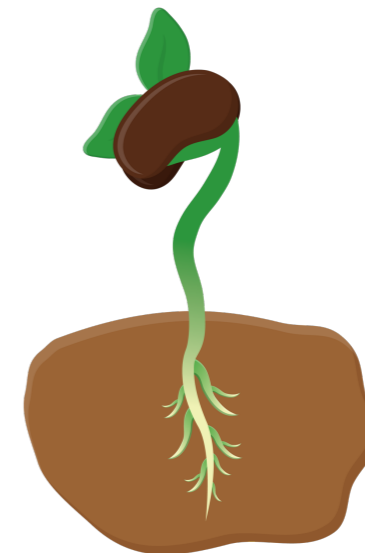
Every plant begins its life as a tiny seed.

1



Most seeds need soil and water to begin growing. If a seed has what it needs, it will start growing under the soil.

2



It keeps growing and comes up. Now it is a sprout.

3



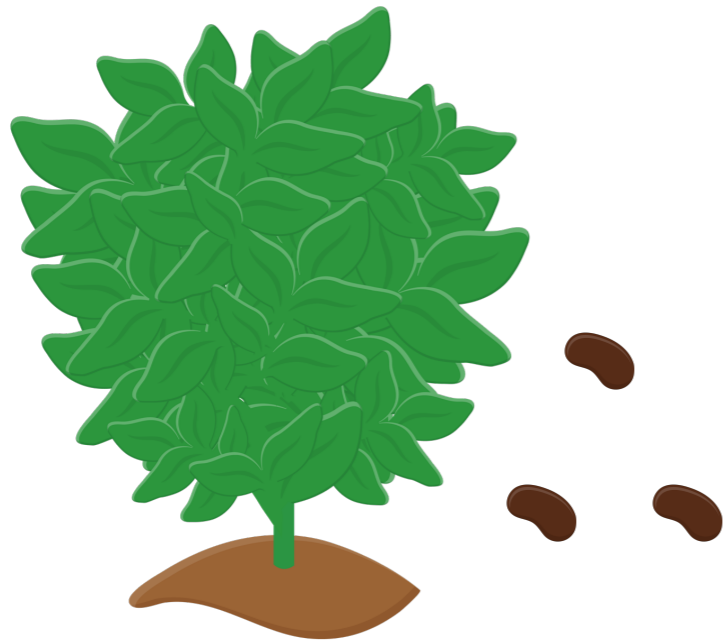
The plants' stem and leaves keep growing. The plant is now called a young plant.

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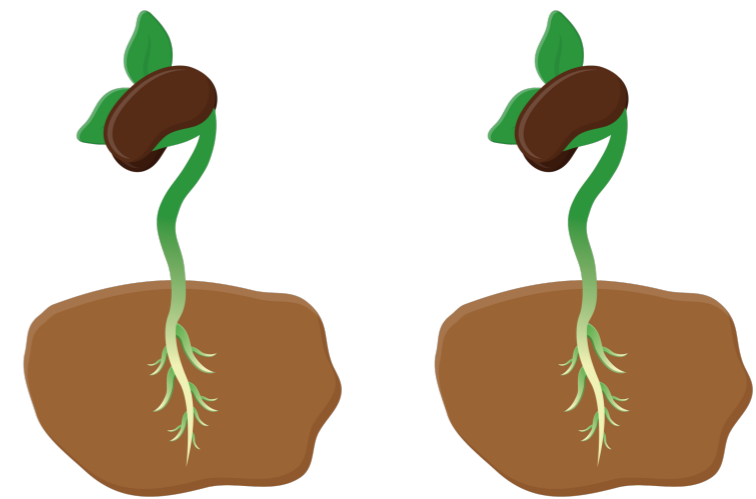
The plant is called an adult plant when it is grown up. The adult plant is the last part of the plant life cycle.

5



Adult plants make new seeds, sometimes in their fruit or flowers.

6



New plants grow from those seeds, and the life cycle begins again!

7

# The Weather



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The weather can be  
sunny.



The weather can be  
cloudy.

2



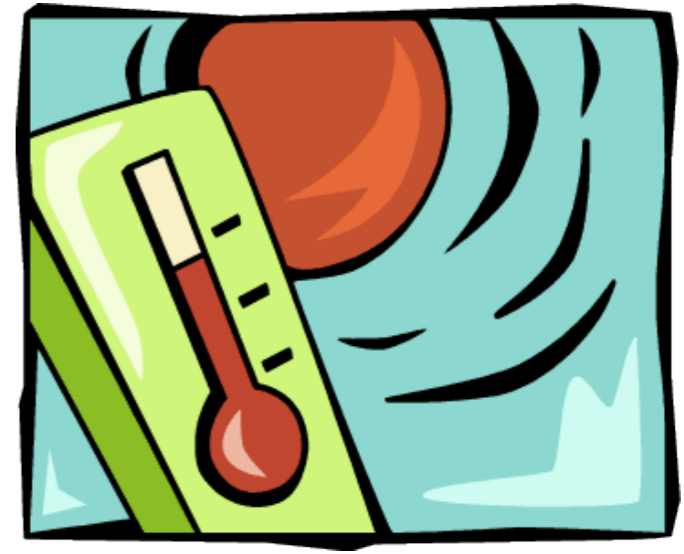
The weather can be  
rainy.

3



The weather can be stormy.

4



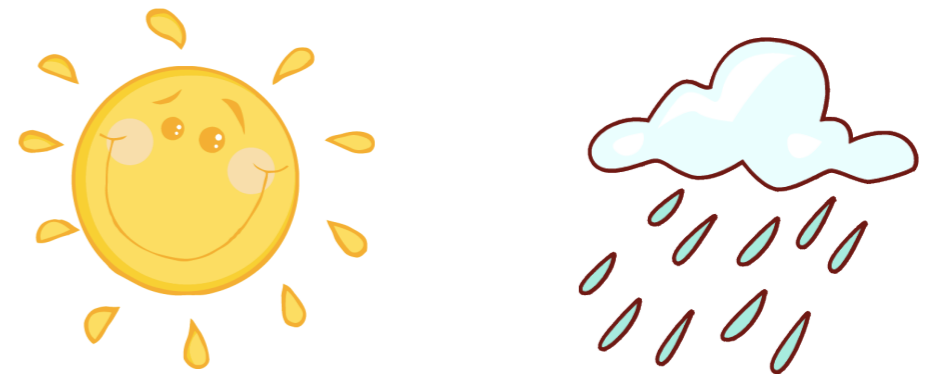
The weather can be hot.

5



The weather can be cold.

6



What weather do you like best?

7

# Different kinds of weather



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Sometimes it is sunny.

1



Sometimes, it is cloudy.

2



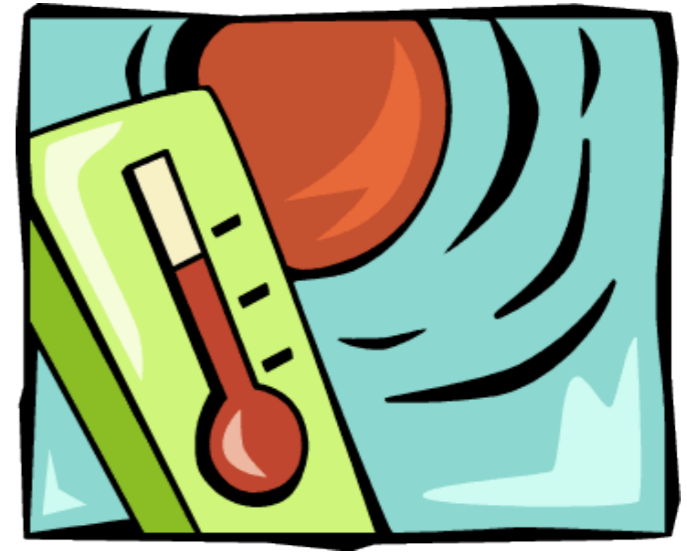
Sometimes, it rains or snows.

3



Sometimes, the weather is stormy.

4



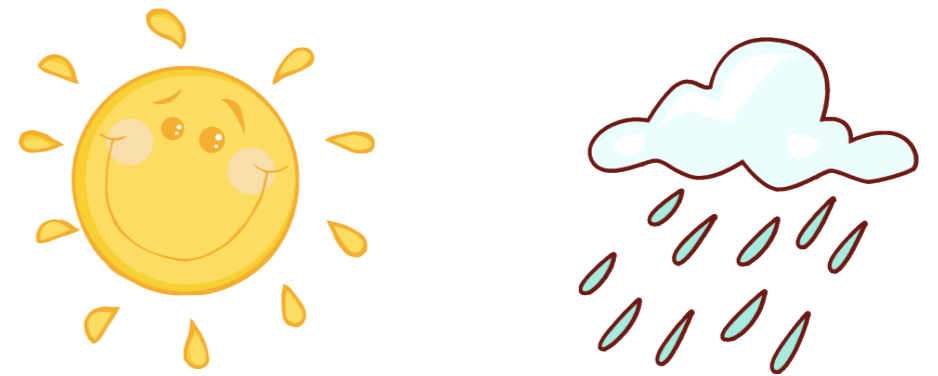
On some days, it is hot outside.

5



Other days, it is cold out.

6



What is the weather like today?

7

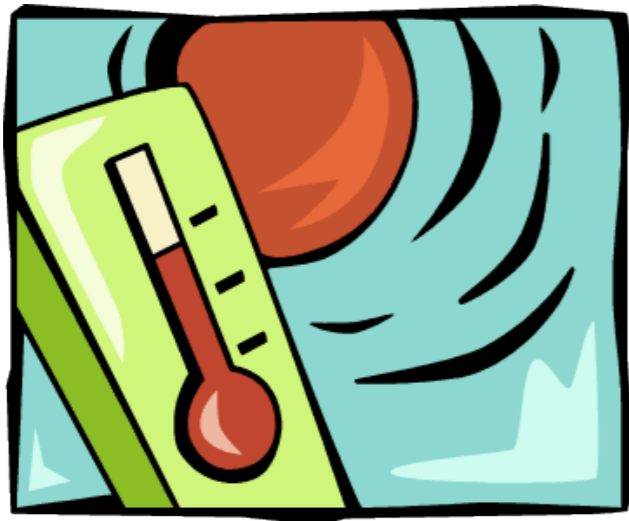
# Weather Around the World



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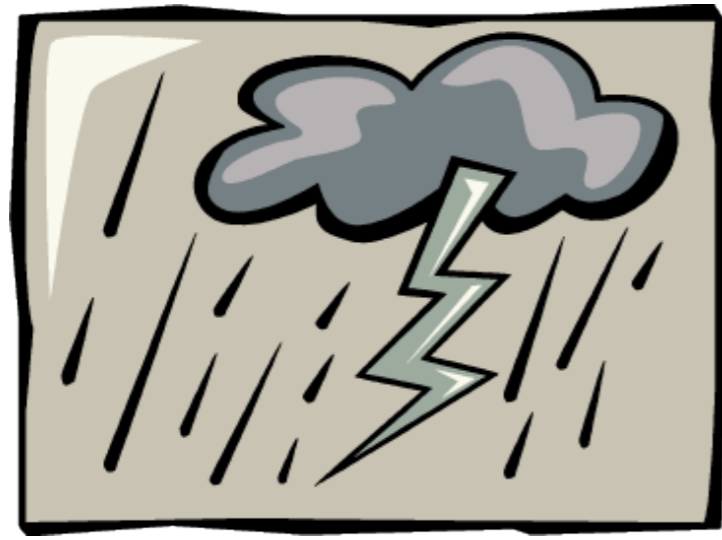
The weather changes all the time. The weather is different around the world.



In some places, like deserts, the weather is very hot and sunny.

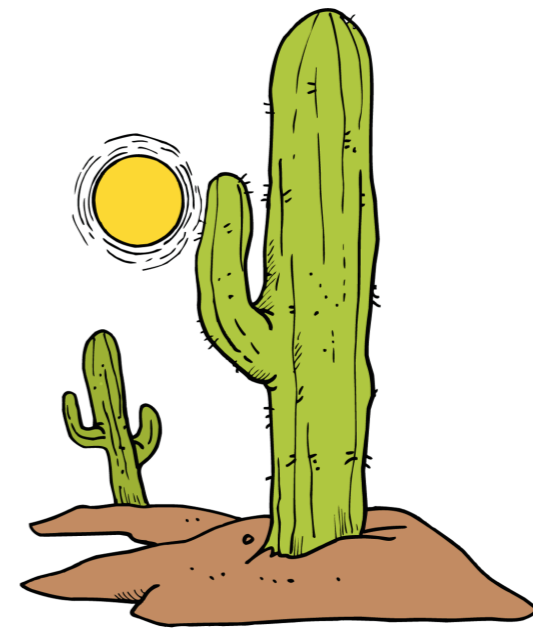


In other places, like Antarctica, the weather is cold and it snows a lot.



In some places it is stormy for many days each year.

4



In other places, it is dry and does not rain much.

5



Many places have four seasons. The weather is different in each season.

6



What is the weather like where you live? Does the weather change much?

7



# Summer



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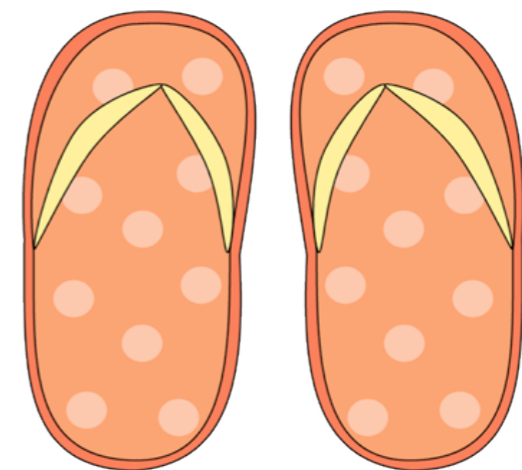


In the summer, it is hot.



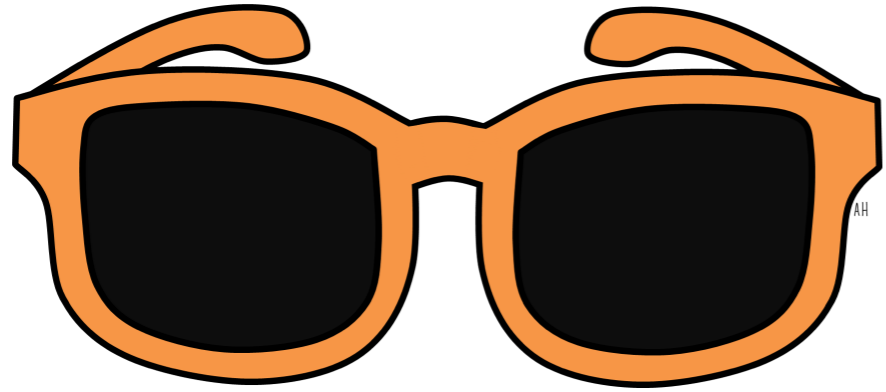
In the summer, you  
wear sunscreen.

2



In the summer, you  
wear sandals.

3



In the summer, you wear sunglasses.

4



In the summer, you go to the pool.

5



In the summer, you go to the beach.

6



In the summer, you drink lots of water!

7

# Staying Safe in the Summer



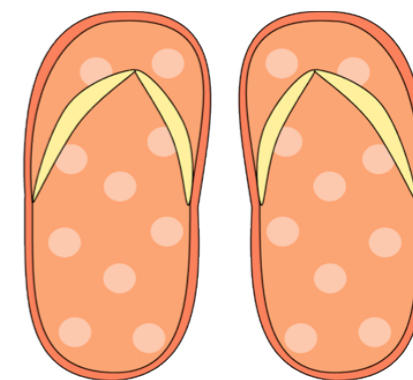
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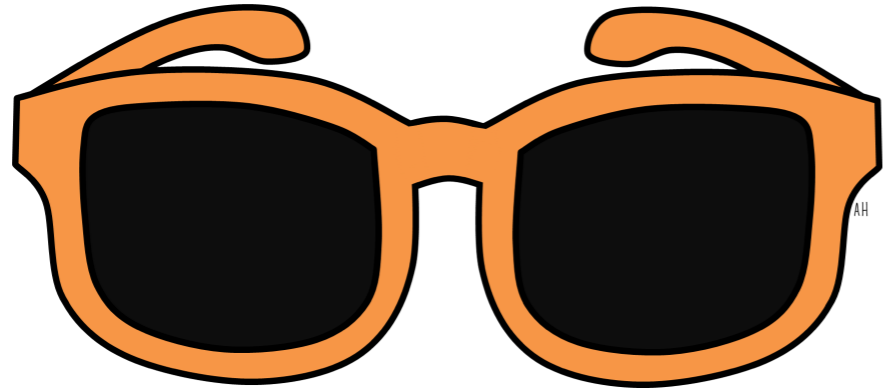
You should wear sunscreen.



In the summer, the weather can be hot and sunny.

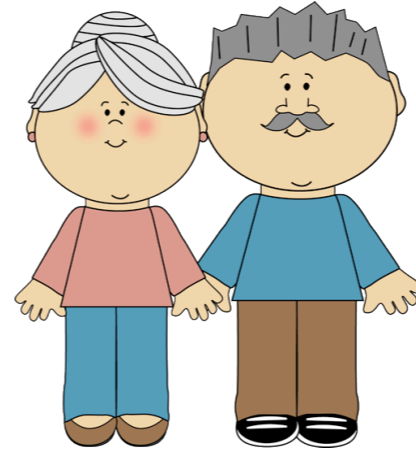


You can wear shorts and sandals to keep cool.



You can wear sunglasses.

4



You can go to the pool with adults.

5



You can drink lots of water.

6



In the summer, you can have fun and be safe!

7

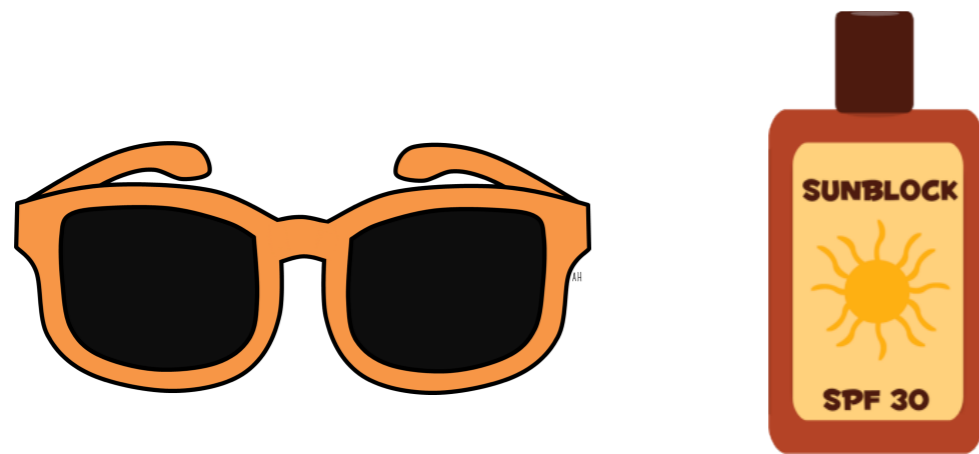
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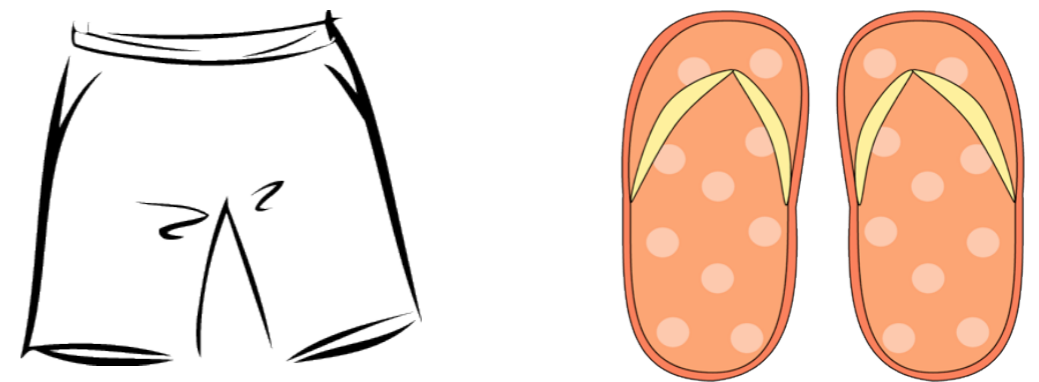
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In the summer, it can get very hot and sunny outside.



To stay safe, you should wear sunscreen and sunglasses.

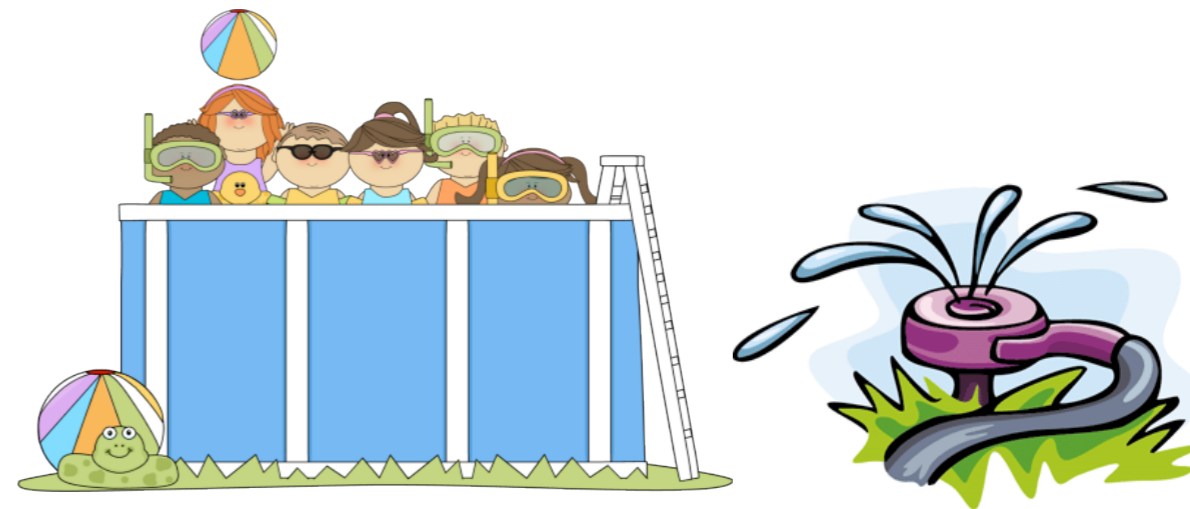


To stay cool, you can wear shorts and sandals.



You should drink lots of water in the summer to stay safe.

4



To have fun, you can go to the pool or play in the sprinkler.

5



You can also go to the beach to play in the sand and water.

6



There are lots of things to do outside, but you can also stay inside and read a book!

7

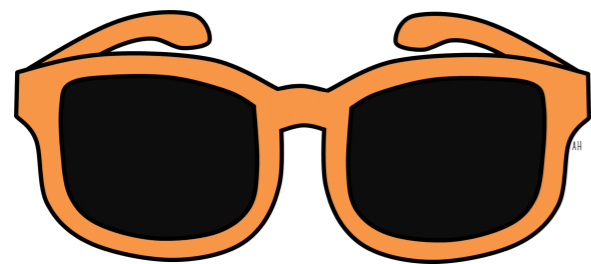
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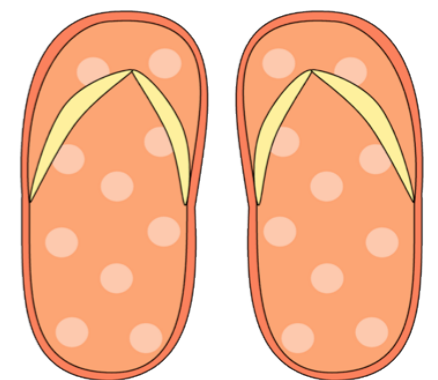
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In the summer, the temperature gets warmer. In some places, it is very hot outside in the summer.



To protect your eyes from the sun, you should wear sunglasses. You should use sunscreen to protect your skin.



To keep cool in the warm weather, you can wear clothing like shorts and sandals.



Make sure to drink lots of water during the summer, so your body stays healthy.

4



For fun, you can swim in a pool or play in the sprinkler.

5



Some people like to go to the beach to play in the water and the sand.

6



In the summer, there are lots of fun things to do outside, but you can also stay cool inside and read a book!

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