From Egg to Frog

Name _____ Date _____

Nonfiction | 129 words | Sequence in a science text

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. A frog does not start life looking like a frog. It goes through big changes called a **life cycle.**
2. First, a mother frog lays hundreds of eggs in a pond. The eggs are soft and covered in jelly. Together they are called frogspawn.
3. Next, tiny tadpoles **hatch** from the eggs. A tadpole has a long tail and lives underwater. It breathes with **gills,** just like a fish.
4. Then the tadpole starts to change. Back legs grow first, and then front legs. Its tail gets shorter and shorter. Now it is called a froglet.
5. Finally, the tail is gone and the young frog has lungs. It can hop out of the water and breathe air. One day it may lay eggs of its own, and the **life cycle** begins again.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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From Egg to Frog: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What are frog eggs called when they are together?

(a) froglets (b) frogspawn (c) tadpoles

2. How does a tadpole breathe?

(a) with lungs (b) through its tail (c) with gills

3. Which legs grow first?

(a) the front legs (b) the back legs (c) all four at once

2 Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

☐ Legs grow and the tail gets shorter.

☐ The young frog hops out of the water.

☐ A mother frog lays eggs in a pond.

☐ Tadpoles hatch from the eggs.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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From Egg to Frog: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

life cycle	the stages in a living thing's life
gills	come out of an egg
hatch	body parts for breathing underwater

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

How is a tadpole different from a grown-up frog? Give two ways.

3 Draw and label something you learned.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: From Egg to Frog

1 Circle the best answer

1. b) frogspawn
2. c) with gills
3. b) the back legs

2 Order of events

Numbers as printed, top to bottom: 3, 4, 1, 2

1. A mother frog lays eggs in a pond.
2. Tadpoles hatch from the eggs.
3. Legs grow and the tail gets shorter.
4. The young frog hops out of the water.

3 Word meanings

life cycle: the stages in a living thing's life

gills: body parts for breathing underwater

hatch: come out of an egg

4 Written answer (sample)

A tadpole has a tail and breathes with gills. A frog has legs, no tail, and breathes air with lungs.

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