

Life Cycle of a Frog

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child learns the stages of a frog's life cycle: egg, tadpole, tadpole with legs, froglet, and adult frog. This lesson parallels the butterfly life cycle, reinforcing the concept of metamorphosis across species.

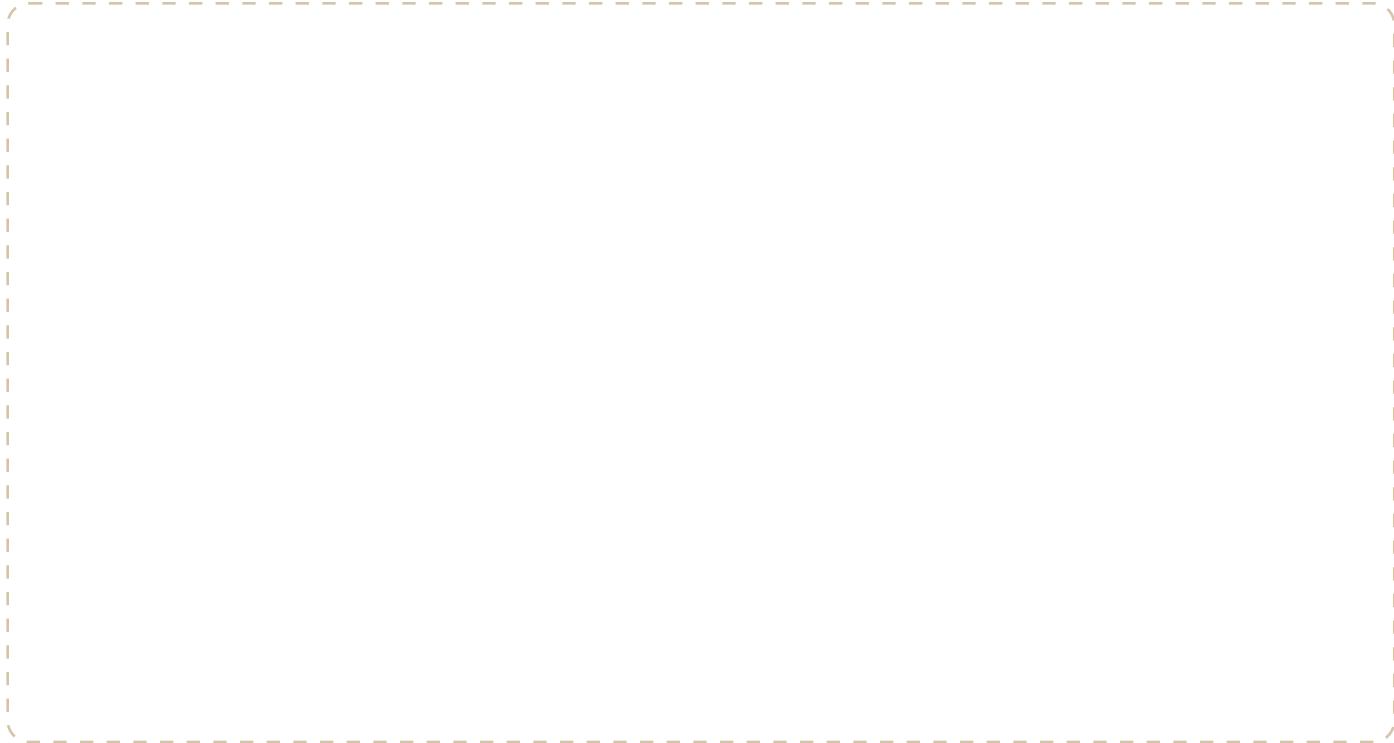
What You Need:

- Frog life cycle figurines or pictures
- Paper and crayons
- Butterfly life cycle chart (for comparison)
- Optional: video of tadpole development

Steps:

1. 'Last week we learned about the butterfly's life cycle. Frogs have a life cycle too — and they also go through metamorphosis!'
2. Show figurines or pictures. Frog eggs (spawn), tadpole, tadpole with legs, froglet, adult frog.
3. 'Frog eggs are laid in water — they look like jelly blobs! A tiny tadpole hatches and breathes underwater with GILLS.'
4. 'The tadpole grows legs, its tail shrinks, and it grows lungs. Now it can breathe air!'
5. Arrange the stages in a cycle.
6. Compare butterfly and frog life cycles: both have metamorphosis!

Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular frame occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw the stages of a frog's life cycle.

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