

Activity 2

Copy or print out the explanation text and place the missing words from the table below into the right places. One of the words has been given, to help you.

An explanation of **how** tadpoles grow into frogs

Introduction

Frogs live in and around ditches and ponds. The life cycle of a frog goes through several different _____ as the frog grows and changes shape. This change in shape is called a metamorphosis.

Stages

1) In early spring, frogs mate together in ponds. The female frog _____ lays thousands of eggs _____ are protected by thick clear jelly called frogspawn. The eggs look like tiny black dots in the jelly.

2) About a month _____, the black dots have grown larger inside the jelly. They are _____ called tadpoles. They are shaped a bit like commas and their heads and tails _____ clearly seen.

3) The tadpoles work free of the jelly _____ about another week. They start to swim about in the pond, looking for plants and algae to eat.

4) The tadpoles grow larger _____ the _____ month. They grow back legs and front legs _____ they use to help them to swim.

5) At this stage in their life cycle, the tadpoles breathe through gills _____ they live entirely under water.

6) Twelve to fourteen weeks _____ the eggs were laid, the tadpoles have grown lungs and can _____ breathe out of the water. They have now developed into tiny frogs (called froglets) so they are _____ able to leave the pond and hunt on land for insects to eat.

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