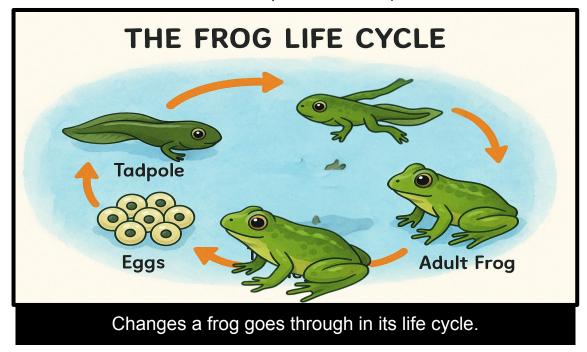
Read the short story and answer each question.



How a Frog Grows

Frogs do not start their lives as frogs. They go through a process called metamorphosis.

The life cycle of a frog begins when an adult frog lays eggs in the water. The eggs look like jelly and stick together in groups.

Next, the eggs hatch into **tadpoles**. Tadpoles look like little fish. They swim with their tails and breathe through gills.

As they grow, tadpoles begin to change. They grow back legs, then front legs. Their tails begin to shrink.

At the final stage, the tadpole's tail disappears. Its body changes, and it becomes an **adult frog** that can hop on land and breathe air.

This big change helps frogs live both in water and on land.



How a Frog Grows

1.	Wh	at	is	one	stage	in	a
fro	og's	lif	e (ycle	?		

- A. Bird hatching
- B. Tadpole
- C. Puppy
- D. Worm

- 2. How does the diagram help you understand the passage?
 - A. It shows the order of how a frog grows
- B. It shows how frogs eat bugs
- C. It shows where frogs go to sleep
- D. It shows how many frogs live in the world

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3	Fill	in	the	b	lank:

A frog's life cycle begins when the adult lays _____ in the water.

4.	What	does	the	diagram	show	you	that	the	words	alone	do	not?

5.	What	do	the	arrows	in the	e diagram	help you	ı underst	and?
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Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: L Lexile Level: 500L-620L

Grade Level: 2nd Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Informational Text

Introducing the Text

"Today's nonfiction passage teaches us how a frog changes as it grows. We'll look at both the words and the diagram to understand each stage of the life cycle and how the picture helps explain what we're learning."

Vocabulary: eggs, tadpole, gills, legs, metamorphosis

Before Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What do you know about frogs?
- 2. Have you seen pictures of how frogs grow?
- 3. Why do scientists use diagrams in books?

During Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What are the names of the different stages in the frog's life cycle?
- 2. How do the frog's body parts change?
- 3. What parts of the diagram match what we're reading?

After Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the diagram help you remember about frogs?
- 2. Could you explain the life cycle without the diagram? Why or why not?
- 3. What do the arrows and labels in the diagram help show?

Activity Idea

Give students a frog life cycle diagram without labels. Ask them to label each stage and write a sentence explaining how the picture helped them understand the passage. Bonus: let them create their own life cycle poster to teach others.

