

Skin

A frog breathes and drinks through its skin.

Ear

Eye

Back leg

Webbed foot

Many frogs have webbed feet that help them swim with power.

Front legs



Fantastic Frogs

A frog is an amphibian (am-FIB-ee-uhn). *Amphibian* means “two lives.” Frogs begin their lives in the water. When they are adults, they live on land. Frogs change as they grow. That process is called **metamorphosis**.

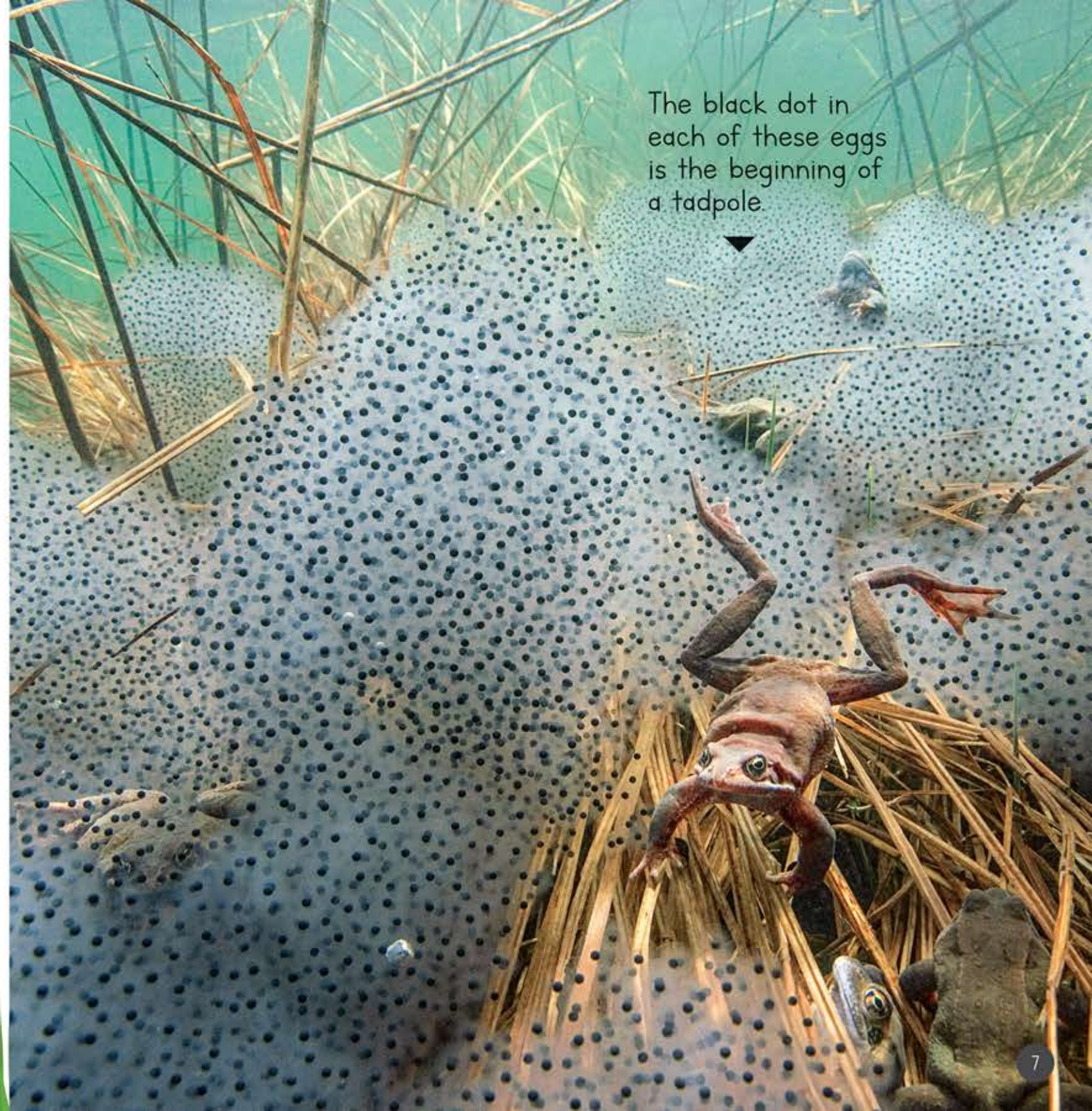
There are many types of frogs. Some are smaller than a coin. Others are as big as a cat!



It Starts with an Egg

The time it takes to grow from a tadpole to a frog is different for every **species**. But all frogs begin their lives the same way: inside a tiny egg. Female frogs of most species lay their eggs in water. Inside each egg are **cells** that will grow into a tadpole.

A female frog can lay thousands of eggs at a time.



The black dot in each of these eggs is the beginning of a tadpole.



Growing Up from Tadpole to Frog



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Adult

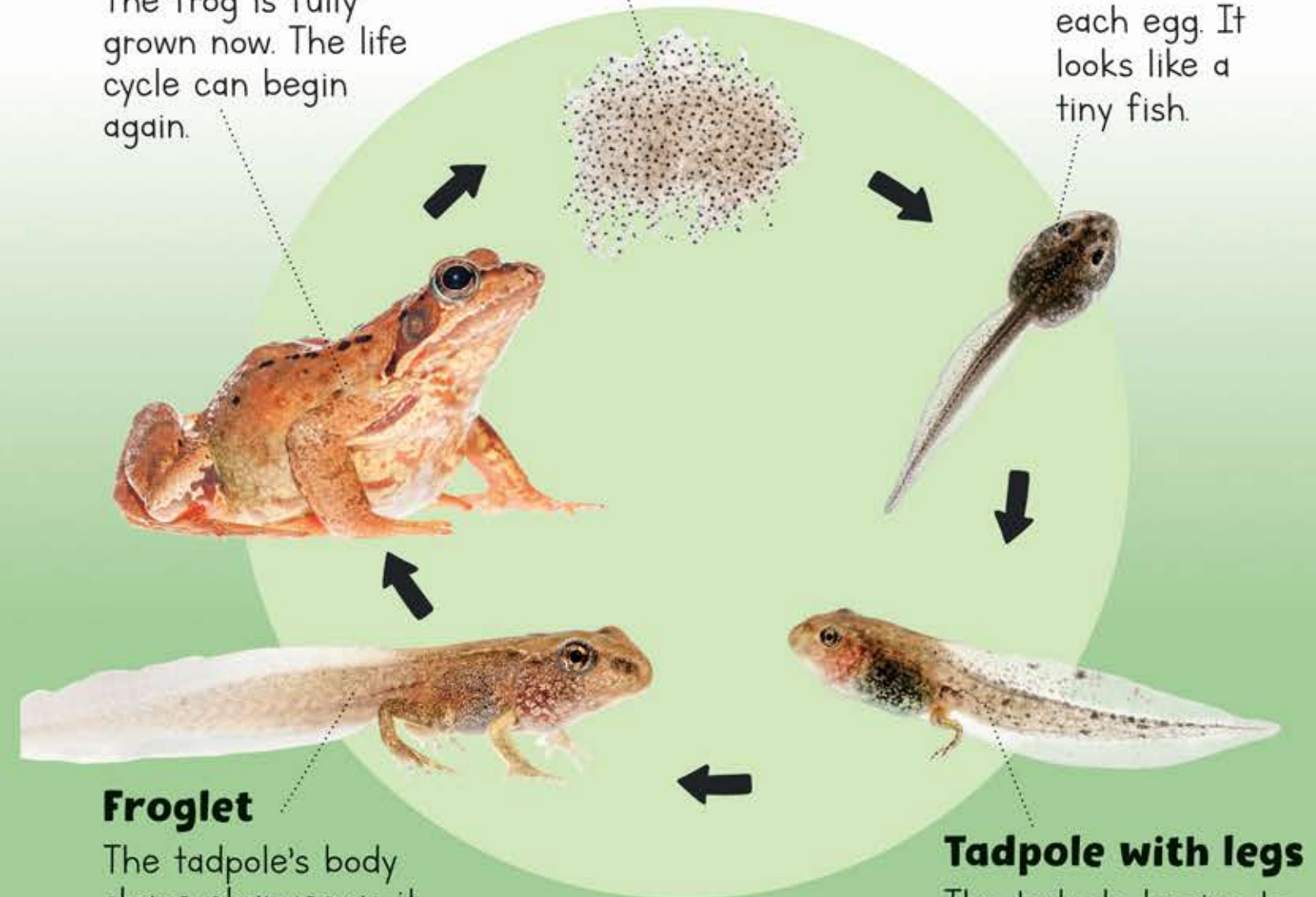
The frog is fully grown now. The life cycle can begin again.

Eggs

A female frog lays her eggs.

Tadpole

A tadpole hatches from each egg. It looks like a tiny fish.



Froglet

The tadpole's body shape changes as it grows front legs and its tail begins to disappear.

Tadpole with legs

The tadpole begins to grow and change. Its back legs appear first.