

Life Science Stories

Life Cycles

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Plants and animals don't always look the same. They go through different stages as they grow. These stages are called a life cycle.



Some animals have a metamorphosis. This is a change that makes them like a different thing! A butterfly starts as an egg and hatches as a caterpillar. Then it goes into a chrysalis, a cocoon, and hatches as a butterfly. It sure does change!



Frogs change a lot, also. They go from an egg to a tadpole to an adult. Tadpoles don't look that much like frogs, do they?



Plants don't usually change as much as animals, but they change, too. Plants start as a seed and start to grow roots. Later, they flower or make fruit. Then they make more plants.

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