

The Lifecycle of a Frog

1. Introduction
 - a. Hook – Start with a definition of amphibians or a little known fact about amphibians
 - b. Background information (connecting information) – Let reader know that a frog is an amphibian. Also, add some information about frogs, e.g. the different kinds of frogs.
 - c. Transitional sentence – Add a sentence that links the background information about frogs to the idea of the lifecycle of frogs.
 - d. Thesis statement (thesis sentence) – The lifecycle of a frog consists of four stages: egg, tadpole, froglet and adult frog.
2. First stage – Embryo stage
 - a. Topic sentence – The frog starts its life as an embryo. OR The first stage in the lifecycle of a frog is the embryo stage.
 - b. Major support – Egg
 - i. Minor support
 - ii. Minor support
 - iii. Minor support
 - c. Major support – Length of embryo stage
 - d. Major support – Changes that occur in embryo stage
 - i. Minor support
 - ii. Minor support
3. Second stage – Tadpole stage
 - a. Topic sentence – The next stage in a frog's lifecycle is the tadpole stage. OR The second stage, or tadpole stage, is the next stage in a frog's lifecycle.
 - b. Major support – Days 1-7
 - i. Minor support
 - ii. Minor support
 - c. Major support – Weeks 2-4
 - i. Minor support
 - ii. Minor support
 - d. Major support – Weeks 4-5
 - i. Minor support
 - ii. Minor support
 - e. Major support – Weeks 6-9
 - i. Minor support
 - ii. Minor support

- iii. Minor support
- 4. Third stage – Froglet
 - a. Topic sentence – After the second stage is complete, the tadpole transitions into a froglet.
 - b. Major support - Physical description
 - c. Major support – Length of stage
- 5. Fourth stage – Adult frog
 - a. Topic sentence – The final stage in the frog’s lifecycle is the adult stage.
 - b. Major support – Description of adult frog
 - c. Major support – Diet
 - d. Major support – Habitat
- 6. Conclusion
 - a. Topic sentence – In conclusion, the egg, tadpole, froglet and adult frog are the four stages a frog undergoes during its lifecycle.
 - b. Summary of main points in 3-4 sentences
 - c. “Echo” sentence – Now, the lifecycle of this familiar amphibian is ready to begin again.

Sources for Information about Frogs

All About Frogs for Kids at <http://www.kiddyhouse.com/Themes/frogs/>)

Frog Facts - Metamorphosis at <http://www.kidzone.ws/lw/frogs/facts3.htm>)

From Water to Land: Life Cycle of a Frog at <http://www.thewaterpage.com/from-water-to-land.htm>

Metamorphosis of Frogs at http://www.tooter4kids.com/Frogs/life_cycle_of_frogs.htm

The Life Cycle of a Frog at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rj00xIFs9Is> (A description of the lifecycle starts at 2:40 into the video.)