



Prize Winner

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Frogs In Our Fountain!

One day, I was outside near our fountain when I saw lots of dots. As I looked closer, I saw that they were tadpoles!



Image 1 and 2: me and my sister looking at the tadpoles. Can you see the tiny tadpole nibbling my finger?

My family and me were so fascinated that we took some out and put them in a little aquarium.



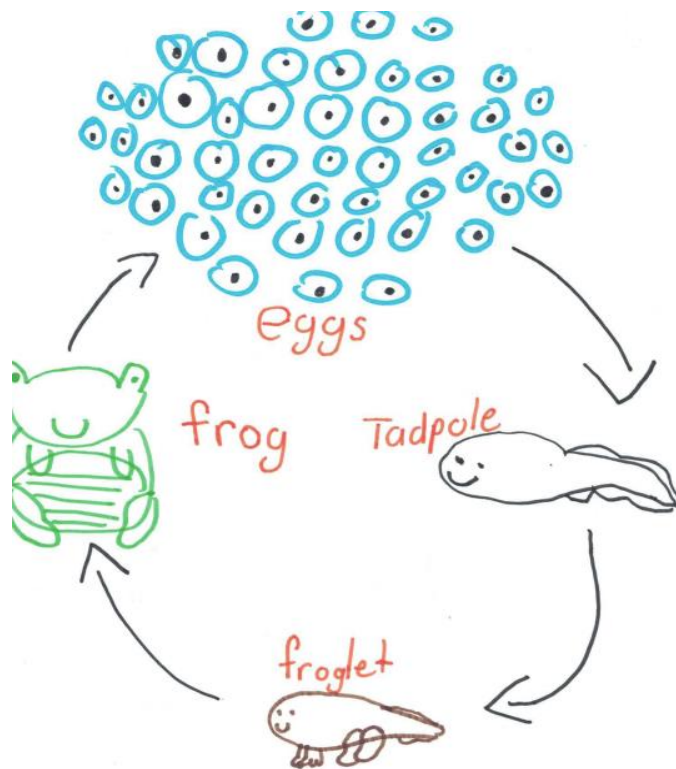
Image 3: Me and my sister excited to watch the tadpoles go through their life of metamorphosis.

While watching them, I discovered about metamorphosis, which is when a tadpole turns into a frog. It is amazing how a tadpole's body completely changes when it turns into a frog. This means it can turn from swimming underwater to hopping and breathing on land. Did you know that a frog's tail gets absorbed into its body for nutrients?



Image 4: A froglet climbing up the wall with its sticky legs!

First, we took algae from the pond to feed the tadpoles. When they start getting their legs, they begin eating other things as well. We read something about how, when tadpoles turn into frogs, they sometimes eat each other, so we got some bloodworms for them to eat.



Life cycle of a frog

We loved watching the tadpoles go through their life cycle when they turned into frogs. One frog escaped into our kitchen when we were eating breakfast. That was when we decided to release them into the fountain again.



Image 5: Frog freedom!

We did not know if we would ever see them again, we were so excited when more tadpoles appeared the next year.



**Image 6 and 7: The frogs came back ! I was so happy when they came back the next year.
Yay!**

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My first draft

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