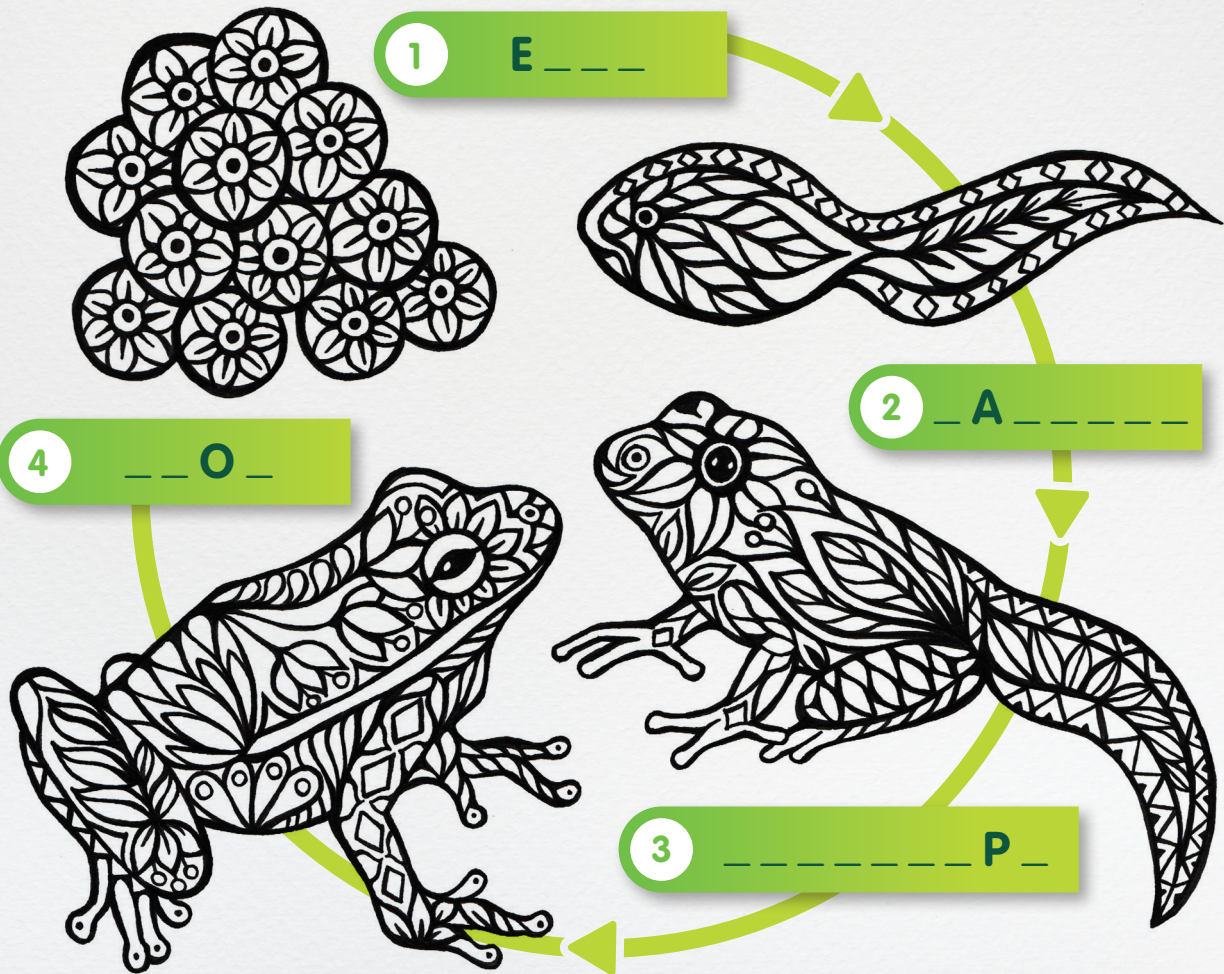


# The Frog Lifecycle



## FROG LIFECYCLE FUN FACTS

Frogs start their life as eggs, grow into tadpoles and then morph into adult frogs.

Frog **eggs** don't have shells like birds. Instead, frog eggs are surrounded by a jelly. Some female frogs can lay thousands of eggs in a single night!

Most **tadpoles** eat plants and algae. By eating algae they also help keep the waterway clean. Tadpoles will also be eaten as food by other wetland animals like waterbirds.

A frog that still has a tadpole tail is called a **metamorph**. Did you know that the tail does not drop off? It is absorbed back into the frog's body!

Once the metamorph has become an adult **frog**, it will start to eat insects instead of plants.

Frogs need water at all stages of their life. Most frog species lay their eggs in water but there are many Australian frogs that lay their eggs on land! The tadpoles will hatch from the eggs when it rains and the water floods their nest-site.

To find out more about Melbourne's frogs go to:  
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