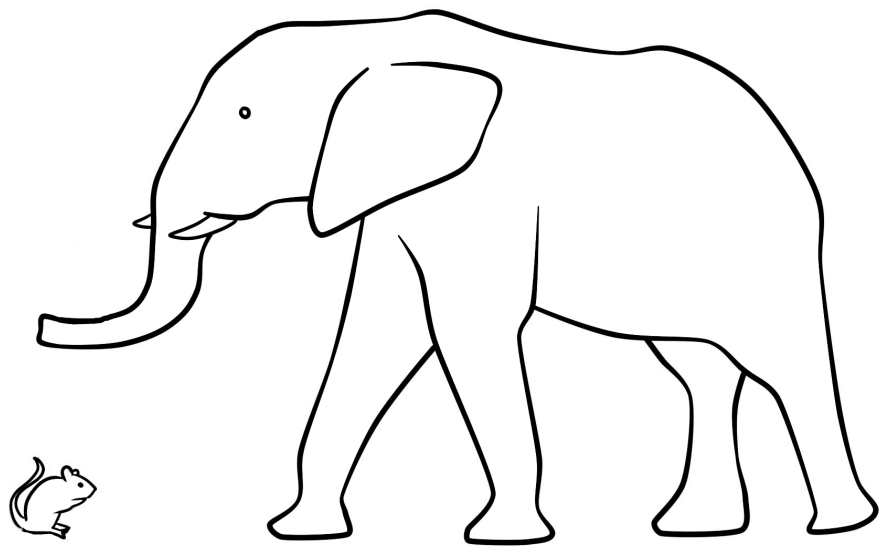




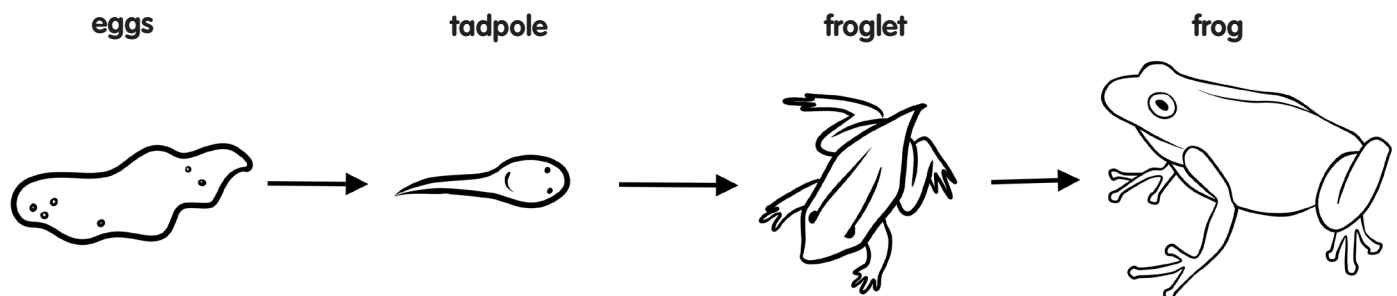
Animals Grow Up

Animals go through stages to grow up. The stages make a life cycle. Most animals have a simple life cycle. They are born alive from their mother or hatch from eggs. Then they grow to adult size.



The life cycle of an elephant and a mouse are similar. Both are born alive from their mother. They drink milk from their mother. They look like their parents, but are smaller. Both will grow up and look even more like their parents. The human life cycle is similar to that of elephants and mice.

Amphibians have more stages in their life cycle. They go through big changes. Look at the pictures that show how frogs grow and change.



A tadpole hatches from an egg. The tadpole has gills like a fish to breathe in the water. It grows slowly into a froglet, then into a frog. The frog lives on land and breathes air the same way you do.