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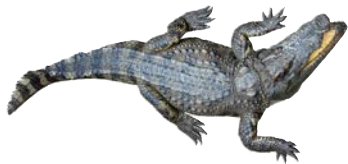
Which of these animals do you think lay eggs and which give birth to live young?

**Dog**

Dogs are mammals.

Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐

Chickens are birds.

**Chicken**Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐**Alligator**

Alligators are reptiles.

Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐

Whales are mammals even though they live in water.

**Whale**Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐**Lizard**

Lizards are reptiles.

Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐

Penguins are birds.

**Penguin**Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐**Goat**

Goats are mammals.

Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐

Toads are amphibians.

**Toad**Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐**Parrot**

Parrots are birds.

Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐

Plaice are fish.

**Plaice**Lay eggs ☐Give birth ☐

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Which of these animals do you think lay eggs and which give birth to live young?

Dog



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Whale



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Lizard



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Chicken



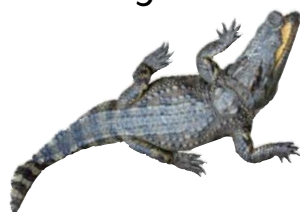
Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Parrot



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Alligator



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Goat



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Toad



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Penguin



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Plaice



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Tiger



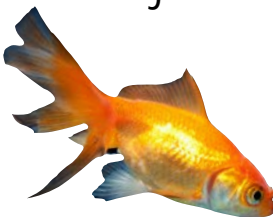
Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Guinea Pig



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Goldfish



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Cobra



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Lobster



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

Bear



Lay eggs ☐
Give birth ☐

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Can you think of fifteen animals that lay eggs
and fifteen animals that give birth to live young?

Animals that lay eggs	Animals that give birth
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15

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Can you complete these sentences and draw a picture to show the different stages in the life cycles of a cat and a chicken. Choose the words from the word boxes!

The baby cat grows in its mother's _____.	The kitten is born. It drinks its mother's _____.	The kitten grows up to be a _____.

milk

cat

dog

head

tummy

The mother chicken lays an _____. This is what the baby chicken grows in.	When the chick is ready to be born, it cracks out of the _____.	The chick grows up to be a _____.

shell

tummy

chicken

brick

egg

How do animals have babies?

Animals have babies in two main ways. Some animals grow their babies inside their bodies and give birth to live young. Others lay eggs for their babies to grow in which then hatch when the babies are old enough.



Animals that give birth to live young

- When a mother grows a baby inside her body, she is **pregnant**.
- Most **mammals**, including humans, give birth to live young.
- Mammals who give birth to live young feed their babies with **milk** from the mother.
- Animals are pregnant for different lengths of **time**. Elephants are pregnant for longer than any other animal.



Animals that lay eggs

- When a baby animal inside an egg is ready to be born, it will **hatch** from its egg without any help.
- Most **reptiles, birds, amphibians** and **fish** lay eggs.
- Some animals only lay one egg at a time. Others can lay hundreds at once.
- Some eggs, such as chicken eggs, have a **hard** shell. Others, like fish eggs, have a soft **jelly** shell.





Penguins are birds. They usually lay one egg at a time. Male penguins guard the egg until it hatches.



Elephants are pregnant for around 624 days which is longer than any other animal. They usually have one baby at a time.



Chickens lay eggs, sometimes as many as one a day. They don't wait for each egg to hatch before they lay another.



Crocodiles are reptiles. They can lay between 25 to 80 eggs at a time. They often lay eggs in sand by river banks.



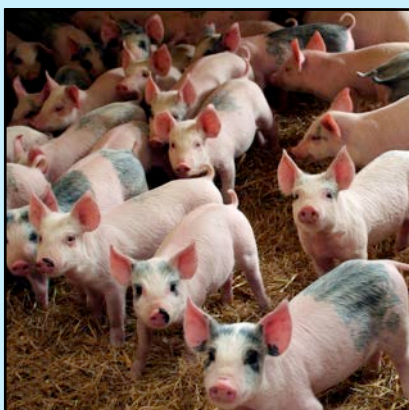
Killer whales are mammals even though they live in water. They are pregnant for around 510 days.



Humans are mammals. Women are pregnant for 9 months which is the same as 270 days.



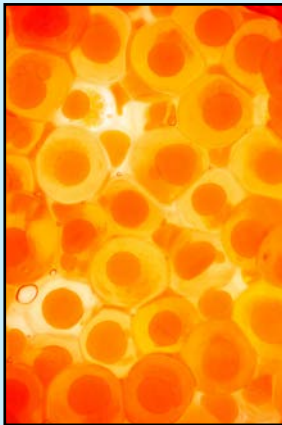
Horses are mammals. A mare is pregnant for around 336 days. Horses usually have one foal at a time.



Pigs are mammals. A sow is pregnant for around 115 days and can have up to 20 piglets at once.



Sparrows are birds who usually lay 4 or 5 eggs at once in a nest.



Salmon are fish who lay eggs in nests. They usually lay around a thousand eggs at a time.



Frogs are amphibians who lay hundreds of eggs at a time in water.



Newts are amphibians who lay up to 400 eggs at a time. They lay them on plants or rocks in water.



An iguana is a lizard and a reptile. Iguanas lay between 10 and 30 eggs in a nest at once.



King cobras are reptiles. This type of snake lays between 20 and 40 eggs at once in a nest.



Sea turtles are reptiles that lay between 1 and 8 eggs at once. The female will lay her eggs on the seashore.



Swans are birds. They lay between 3 and 8 eggs at a time.



Dogs are mammals who usually have between 3 and 8 puppies at a time. Dogs are pregnant for around 63 days.



Hippos are large mammals who are pregnant for around 240 days. They usually have one calf at once.