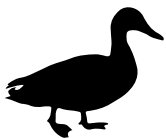


Kids Explore!



Who Laid That Egg?

Match each critter with one piece of information about its eggs.



- 1) A protective jelly helps keep my eggs from drying out.
- 2) I sit on my eggs to keep them warm. My nest is hidden in the reeds.
- 3) I lay eggs in a nest made of sticks high in a tree and my mate helps me feed our young when they hatch.
- 4) I lay 5-13 eggs which hatch in the fall.
- 5) A nymph hatches out of my eggs.
- 6) I spin silk to protect my eggs.
- 7) My eggs are round like ping-pong balls.
- 8) When my babies hatch they don't look like me at all. They can crawl but they can't fly.
- 9) Many of my relatives lay eggs that hatch outside their bodies, but some of us have eggs that hatch inside!
- 10) I have probably laid lots of eggs in your garden soil.



Answers: 1) Frog, 2) Duck, 3) Heron, 4) Turtle, 5) Dragonfly, 6) Spider, 7) Owl, 8) Butterfly, 9) Snake, 10) Snail

Tell Me Why...

Most Animal Babies Are Born in the Spring

Three of the most important things every living creature needs to survive — food, water, and warmth — are much more abundant in the spring than they are in the fall or winter. In the fall and winter, temperatures drop, clouds move in, water freezes, and green plants that provide food die back or lose leaves.

In the spring, temperatures rise, ice thaws, the sun shines more often, and green plants burst out all over. Spring also leads to summer, a time of warmth and abundance when young animals grow and mature, preparing them for the winter ahead or allowing them time to lay eggs that will hatch the next spring.

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