

Egg Life

Focus: Eggs; reproducing; Life.

Vocabulary: See **bold** words.

Activity 1: Read the text below and then practice speaking it:

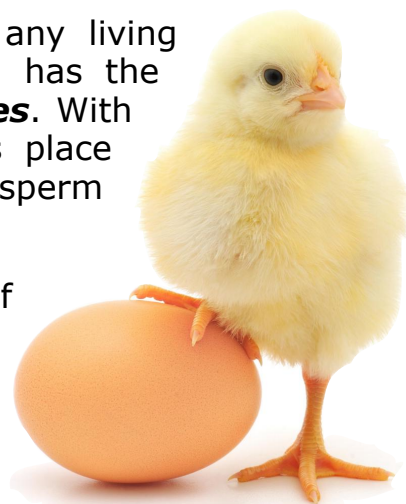
Eggs are a single cell, produced by the **female** of any living animal, with a few rare **exceptions**. This single cell has the **ability** to develop into a new being of the same **species**. With **mammals**, development of the single cell egg takes place inside the body of the female, after **fertilisation** with a sperm from the male of the species has **occurred**.

However, some species do not develop within the body of the female. They develop on the outside, where the egg is protected by a hard shell.

Inside the egg, the growing young feeds itself on a **nutritious** liquid called a **yolk**. Where the young is growing in the mother's body, it **generally** gets its nutrition from whatever the mother eats. Nutrients **absorbed** by the mother from her food, are also passed on to the developing young inside her.

In an egg, it takes **several** weeks for the development process to complete. When it is finished, the newly developed young will begin to **peck** its way out of the egg. A baby chick will be covered in a wet **down** and will be completely dry within an hour.

Eggs come in various sizes and colours and it is usually possible to know what living animal has come from an egg, by the size and colour of the shell.



Activity 2: Match the vocabulary with its correct meaning. Which words aren't used?:

several exceptions ability species fertilisation occurred yolk peck down

1	More than one.	4	An event took place.
2	Yellow part of an egg.	5	Have a skill or permission.
3	Sometimes allowed.	6	Chip away at something.

Write unused vocabulary in your notebook and give their meaning.