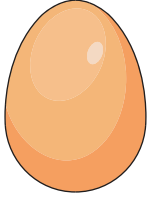


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Life Cycle of a Chicken



The female chicken (hen) mates with a male chicken (rooster) and lays eggs. Once she has a clutch of eggs, the hen sits on the eggs to keep them warm.



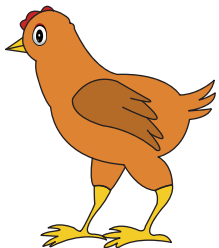
It takes _____ the egg. By day 5, _____ the embryo is developing a beating heart.



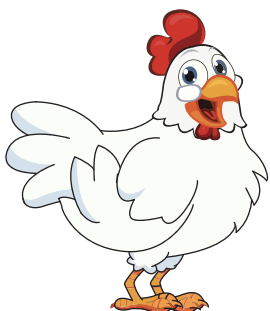
The chick _____ the yolk. The chick absorbs all the nutrients from the egg. It is wobbly and has a wobbly head. The chick _____ the eggshell and is wet and sticky.



The chick _____ the yolk. It learns to eat and drink. It grows its feathers.



This is the adolescent stage in the life cycle of a chicken. The pullet is gawky and skinny and has only wings and legs. The teenager chickens find their place in the pecking order and are also bullied during this stage.



This is the final stage. The adult chicken lays eggs for the first one or two years and slows down production at 72 weeks. It also molts every year to replace its old feathers.

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