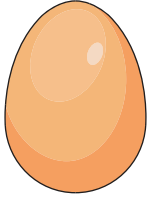


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# Life Cycle of a Chicken



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.



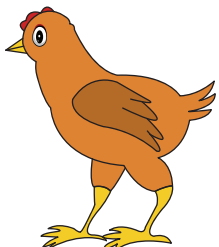
It takes \_\_\_\_\_ the egg. By day 5, \_\_\_\_\_ the embryo is developing a beating heart.



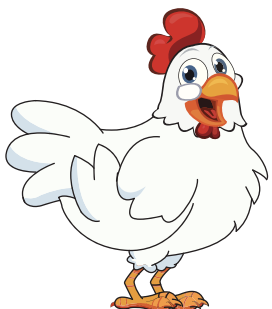
The chick absorbs all the nutrients from the egg. The chick is wobbly and has a wobbly tail.



The chick is very small and fluffy. It learns to eat and peck. 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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