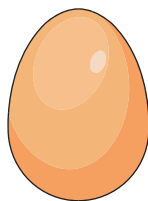


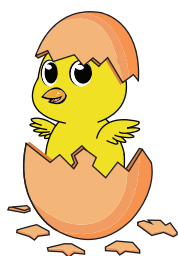
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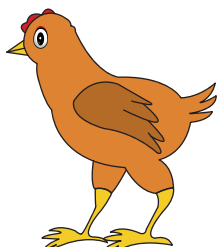
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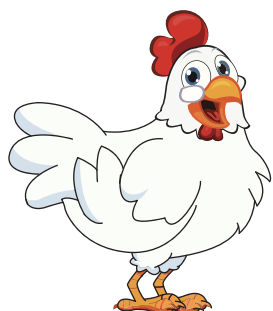












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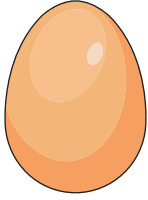
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The female chicken (hen) lays eggs. Once she has a clutch of eggs, the hen sits on the eggs to keep them warm.



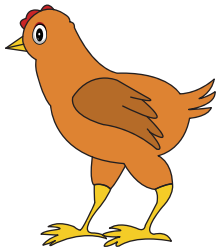
It takes just 21 days for the chick to develop inside the egg. By day 5, the embryo has a beating heart.



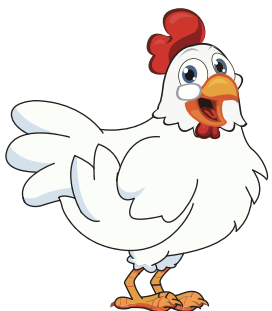
The process of hatching is called pipping. The chick absorbs all the nutrients from the egg. It is wobbly and has a wobbly gait.



The chick grows into a pullet. It learns to eat and absorb nutrients from its surroundings. 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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