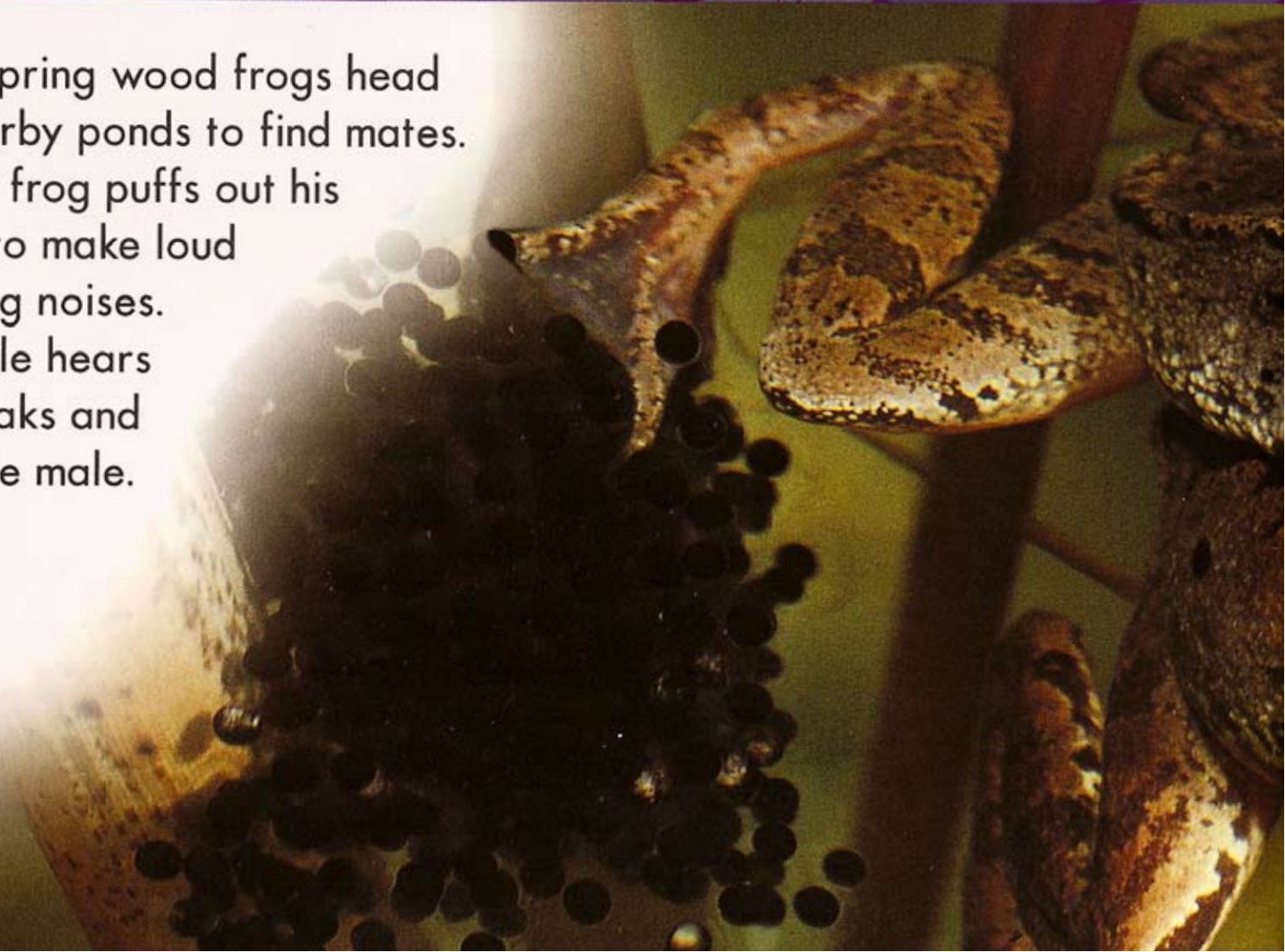


You are walking in the woods. Suddenly, a small brown frog hops across your path. Its hind legs are large and strong. It has bulging eyes, with a black patch behind each eye. This is a wood frog.



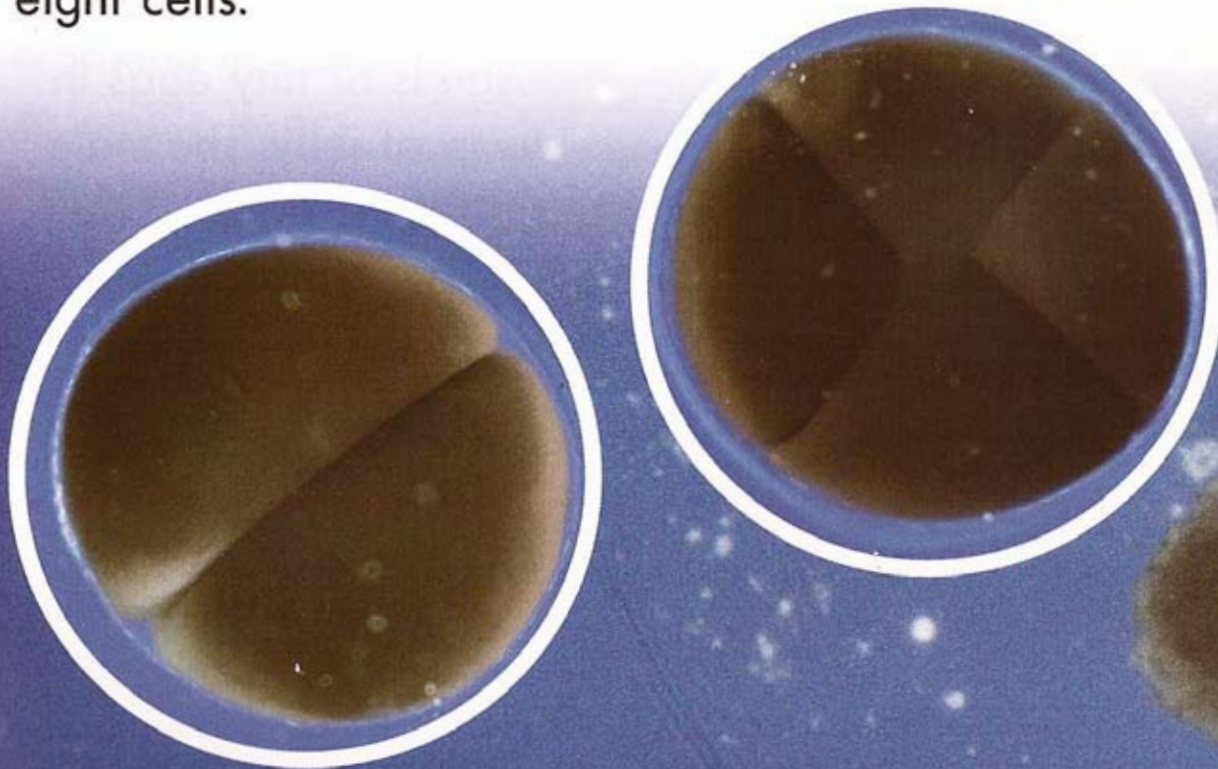
In the spring wood frogs head
for nearby ponds to find mates.
A male frog puffs out his
throat to make loud
croaking noises.
A female hears
the croaks and
finds the male.





The male clasps the female from behind. Then she lays thousands of tiny eggs in a clump of jelly. The male fertilizes the eggs so they will grow into tadpoles.

Each egg looks like a tiny dot. Each dot is one cell. After the egg is fertilized, the cell divides into two cells. Then each of those cells divides in two again, making four cells. Those four cells divide into eight cells.

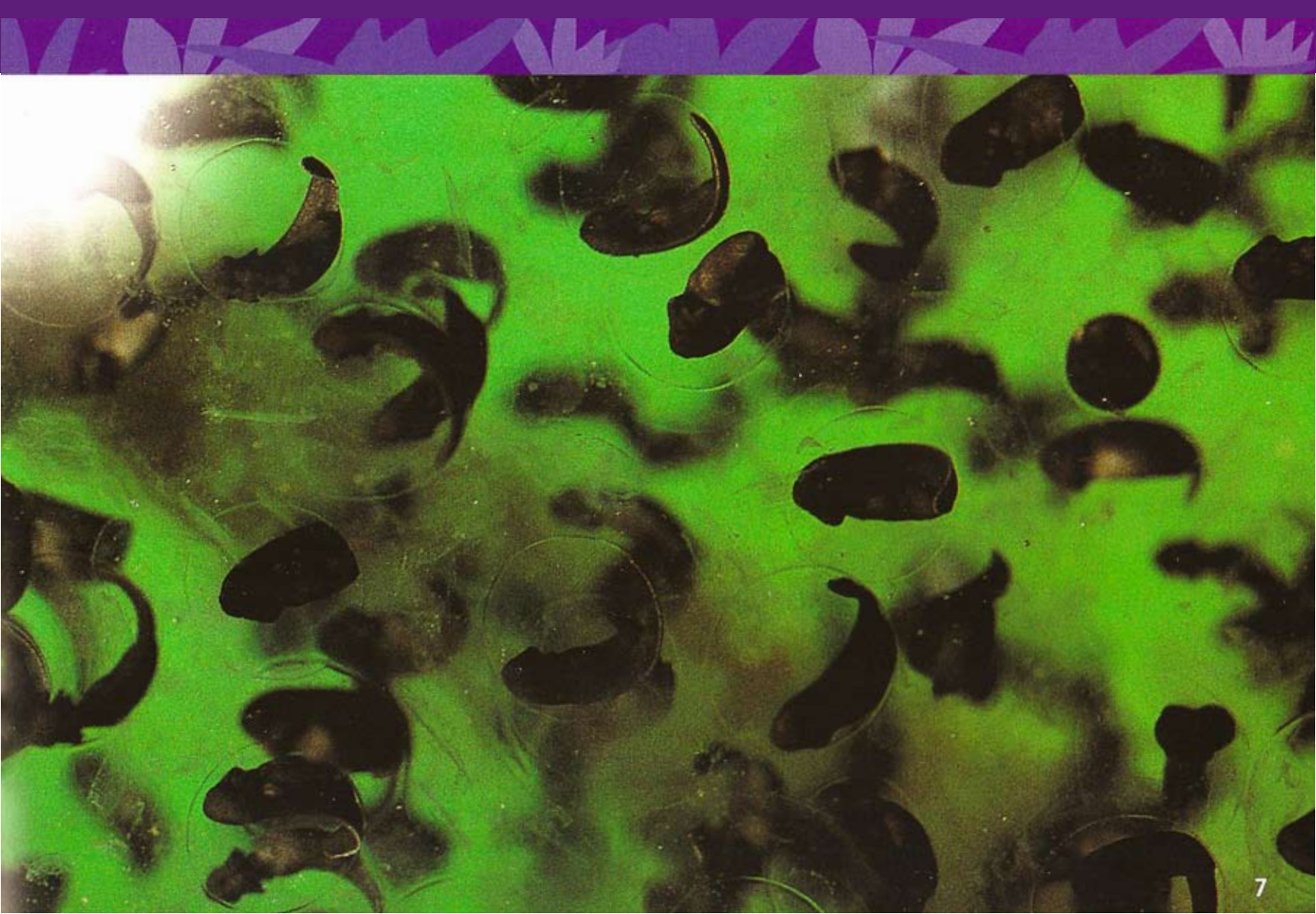


The cells keep dividing. Soon there are many of them in a long, thin shape. A tail forms at one end. A mouth forms at the other end. The cells have become a tiny tadpole.



The jelly is full of tiny tadpoles, or pollywogs. After about a week they are ready to wriggle free. Tadpoles look more like fish than frogs!





To swim, the tadpole waves its tail from side to side.
It breathes underwater through gills, like a fish.



With its tiny teeth, the tadpole eats pond plants, like slimy green algae.
Yum!



As the tadpole grows, its body changes. First hind legs appear, then front legs. The tadpole's tail begins to shrink.



Inside the tadpole's body, lungs form. Now the tadpole can breathe air. Soon it will be a froglet, ready to leave the pond.

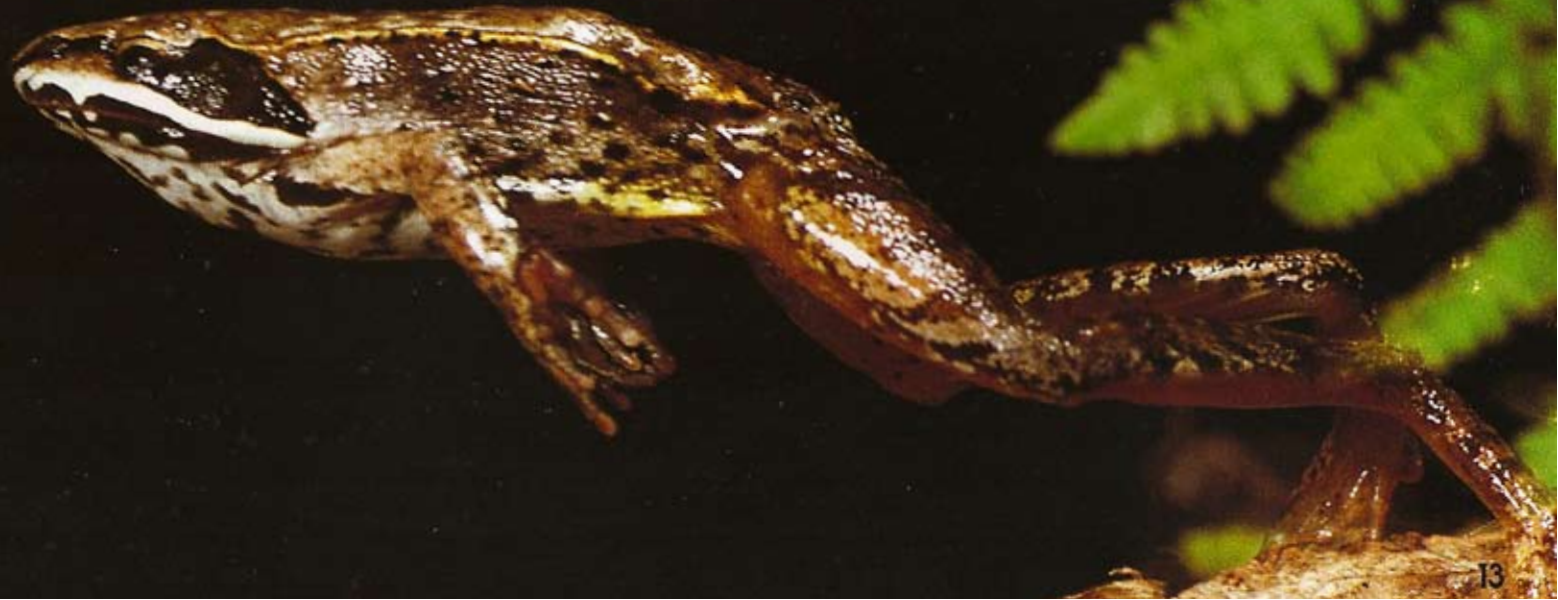


A froglet hops onto dry land. It looks like an adult frog, only smaller. It will live in the woods, eating insects and other small animals on the forest floor. The froglet does not want to be food for a snake, raccoon, or any other predator. It hides under stones or dead leaves.

When danger is near, it quickly hops away.



In a few years the young frog will be an adult. One spring day it will hop to a woodland pond. It will find a mate and a new generation of wood frogs will be born.



Can you put these in order?





Answer



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