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PowerPoint One - Changing and Growing - basic introduction to lifecycles

Living Things

What do you know about living things?

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All living things grow

Small animals have young and their young grow up into adults

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Just like you, many animals start life inside their mother. They grow inside her body until they are ready to be born.

What do they all need to grow?

A mother with a baby inside her is said to be pregnant.

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Some animals like dogs, cats, deer, cows and sheep are born. They are a group of animals called mammals. People are mammals too.

Mammals give birth to live babies

A cow and calf

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A sheep and her lambs

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A fox and her cubs

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What other young animal names do you know?

A deer and fawn

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Many animals are not like mammals. They are not born like we are. They start life inside an egg. The egg gives them food to grow.

Can you think of some animals that grow inside eggs?

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Birds, fish, snails, slugs and earthworms lay eggs

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Snakes, crocodiles and turtles hatch from eggs too

What other eggs do you know?

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A young bird grows inside an egg

When the young are big enough, they break open the egg. Then they rest while their feathers dry out

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The young bird is called a chick. Some chicks have fluffy feathers. Some have no feathers at all

Hatching out of an egg

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A human mother looks after her baby. She keeps it warm and clean. She also feeds her baby so milk, the food that babies need to help them grow

She keeps her baby safe, clean and well fed until it is grown up and can look after itself

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Some animal mothers look after their young, too. A mother pig feeds her piglets milk from her teats. The baby pigs suck the milk from the teats. We say that they are suckling

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This little foal is suckling from its mum

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These little baby hedgehogs are drinking their mums milk. They are suckling

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Many animals don't look after their young like a human mother does

A turtle lays its eggs in sand on a beach. She leaves them. After the young turtles hatch they live on their own and find their own food. Most young fish have to look after themselves too, their parents can't help them

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Usually human mothers give birth to only one baby at a time. Two babies are called twins and three babies are called triplets

How does an adult human look after a baby?

Human babies need lots of looking after. Some animals look after their babies too

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A young dog is called a puppy. Several puppies are often born together. A group of newborn puppies is called a litter of puppies

A puppy feeds on its mother's milk and she looks after it and keeps it clean by licking it

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After two weeks, a puppy can see and hear. It can walk about and start to explore

How long does it take a human baby to grow as big as its mother?

A puppy grows slowly. It takes nearly a year to grow as big as its mother

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Many birds look after their chicks in a nest. They feed the chicks on worms and insects

After a few weeks, a chick grows new feathers that will help it to fly. Then the chick will leave the nest and look after itself

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A duckling is a young duck. It's a bird that can swim soon after it hatches

Ducklings follow their mother as they are big enough to leave her and look after themselves

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People are human. We are born. We grow into adults. We might have children. Our children might have their own children.

This is our life cycle. Life cycles go round and round

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All animals have a life cycle. Their life cycle never changes. They are born. They grow into adults. They grow old and then they die.

No animal always grows in the same way

You can only grow into a human and a cow can only grow into a cow

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