

You have probably seen a frog, but have you ever seen a newt? They look a bit like little dragons.

**Where do newts live?**

In the summer, newts live in ponds. For the rest of the year, they live under logs and rocks. Newts rest in the daylight and come out at night to eat.

**What do newts eat?**

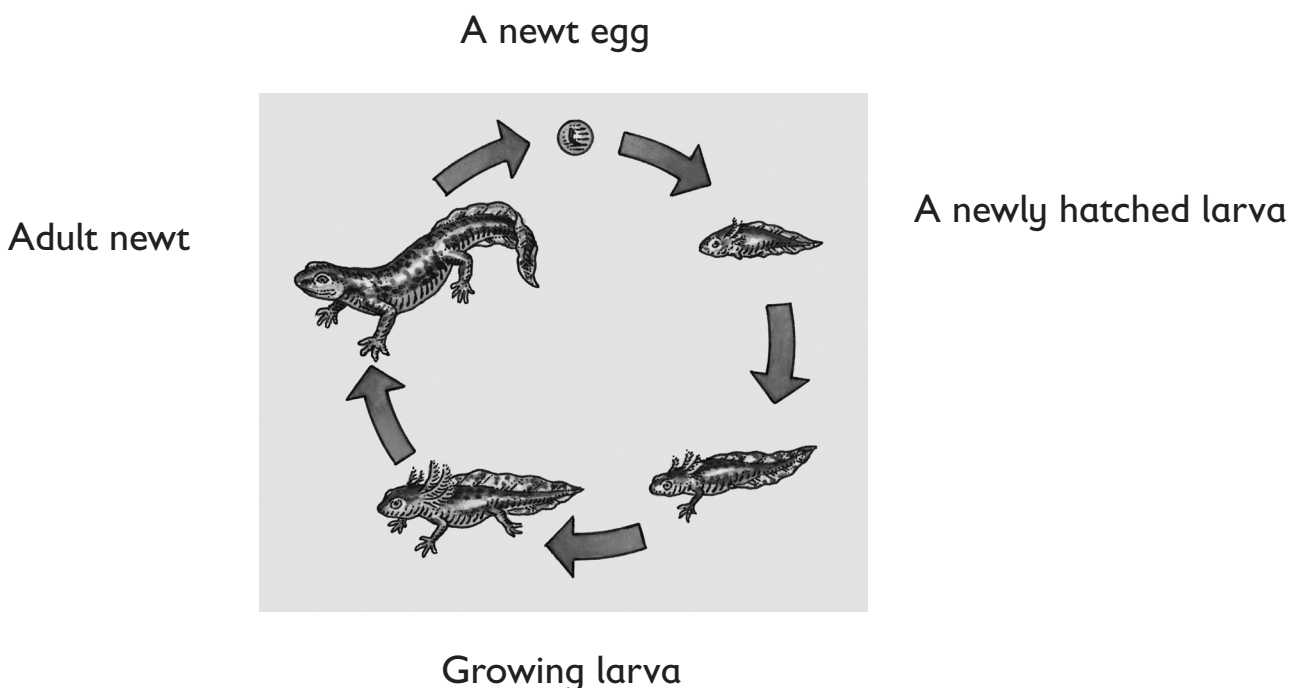
Newts eat animals that are smaller than they are, such as insects and worms. In the summer, they also eat frog tadpoles.

**How are newts born?**

A newt lays two or three eggs every day in the summer, until it has laid about 200 eggs. They lay their eggs in pond water. They wrap each egg up in a leaf to keep it safe.

**How do newts grow?**

A newly hatched larva has a head like the adult newt, but its body looks more like a tadpole. As the larva grows, its arms and legs appear and the fin on its tail starts to disappear.

**Life cycle of a newt**

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Date:

**Read the text, then answer the questions.****1.** Which animal do newts look like?

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**2.** When do newts come out to eat?

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**3.** How do newts keep their eggs safe? Tick **one**.They sit on their eggs to keep them warm. ☐They lay their eggs in mud at the bottom of ponds. ☐They wrap each of their eggs in its own leaf. ☐They lay their eggs in jelly so animals won't like the taste. ☐**4.** In this text, what is a larva? Tick **one**.A caterpillar ☐ A young insect ☐A young frog ☐ A young newt ☐**5.** Look at the life cycle. What happens *after* the adult newt?

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**6.** Write **one** way in which an adult newt is different from a newly hatched newt.

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## Answers

### Assessment Task C: Are you New to Newts?

1. dragons
2. at night/night time
3. They wrap each of their eggs in its own leaf. ☒
4. A young newt ☒
5. Answers should acknowledge that adult newts lay eggs and the life cycle begins again.
6. Answers may include: it is bigger, it has legs, it has a longer body, it has scales, it is thicker. Award marks for those suggestions that make sense where the children have looked closely at the life cycle image.