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Watch our frog life cycle video at
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Don't Mess With This Dad

glass
frog



This dad is tough.
He keeps his eggs safe from
hungry animals. It's a big job
for a little frog!

My name _____



A group of frog eggs is called a clutch.



Some glass frogs have see-through skin!



e hatches
helps it
ly in water.



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Tadpole With Legs:
The tadpole starts to grow legs. Its tail starts to shrink.



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Adult Frog: It has long legs and no tail. It can live on land or in water.

Dad on Duty!

As You Read

Think about the different ways the frog dad cares for the eggs.

Buzz, buzz. A wasp flies close to a **clutch** of frog eggs. The wasp is hungry. And those eggs look tasty.

A frog dad sits nearby. His job is to keep the clutch safe. So he jumps into action! He kicks out one of his long, strong legs. *Whack!* His leg hits the wasp. It flies away. But Dad's job is far from over.

There are other animals that want to eat the eggs. So Dad covers them with his body. This keeps them extra safe. This also keeps them **moist**. The eggs need to stay wet.

If the eggs are really dry, Dad does something else. He pees on them! This might sound gross. But it helps the eggs survive.

Taking care of the clutch is a lot of hard work. Good job, father frog!

—Keri Acer

From Egg to Frog

The father frog doesn't need to keep the eggs safe forever. They change and become adult frogs over time.

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Egg: A clutch has many eggs in it. Each one can grow into a frog.



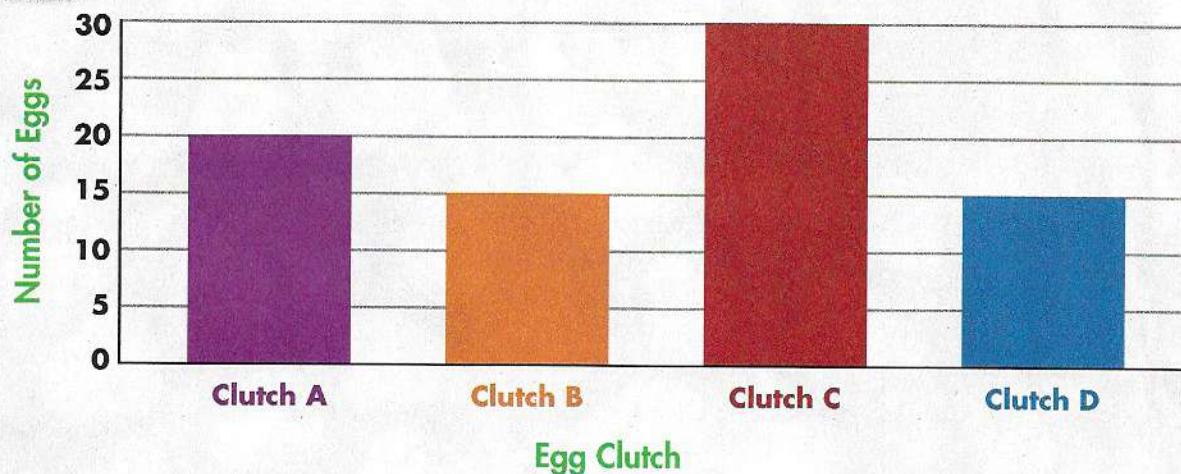
Tadpole: A tadpole grows from an egg. A tadpole can swim. It can live on its own.



How many eggs are in four different clutches?

Use the graph below to fill in the answers.

Glass Frog Egg Graph



1. Clutch A has _____ eggs.

☐ 15

☐ 20

☐ 25

2. Clutch D has _____ eggs.

☐ 15

☐ 20

☐ 25

3. Which clutch has the most eggs?

☐ Clutch A

☐ Clutch B

☐ Clutch C

★ Bonus

Which two clutches have an **equal** number of eggs?
