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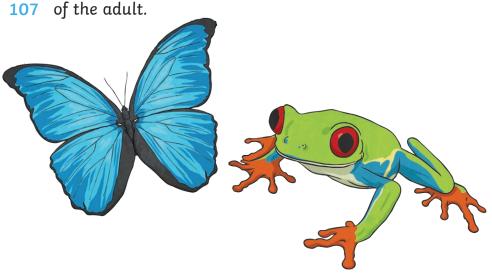




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Accept reference to amount of stages and how the young animal looks.



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Accept any reference to metamorphosis being sudden or unexpected.



