

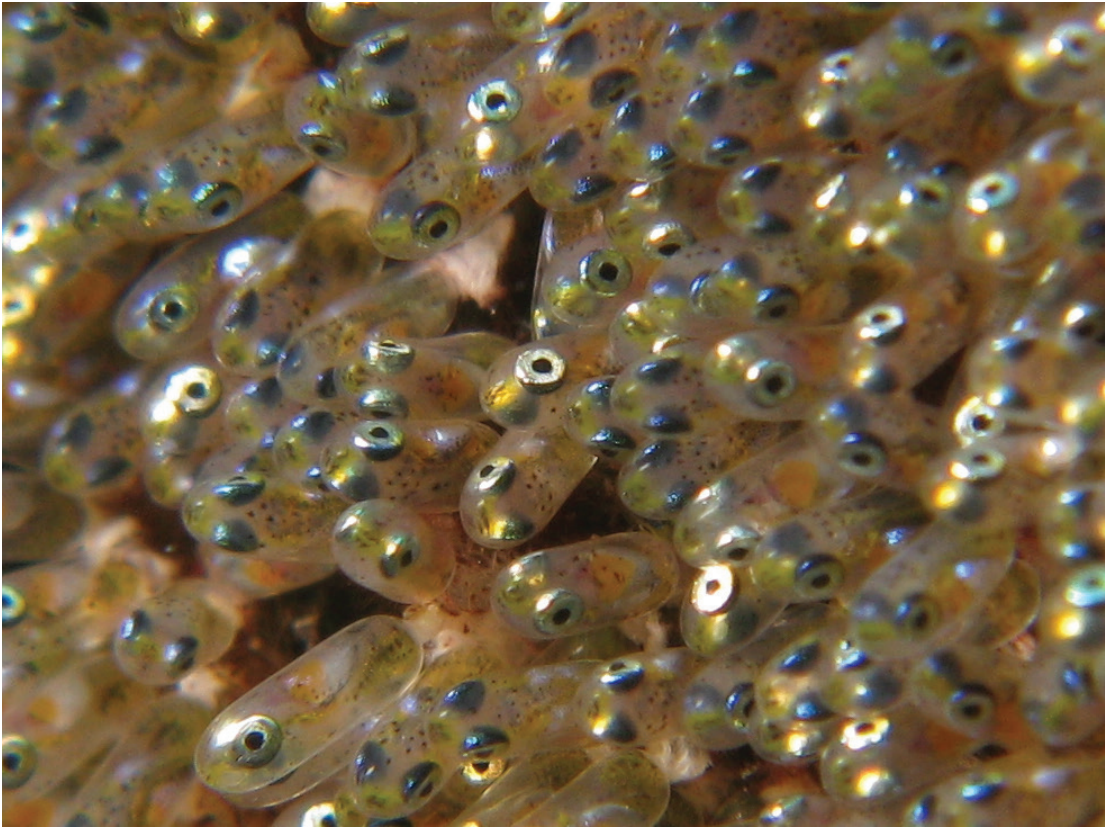
Babies

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Just like people, animals have babies. A human baby is called an infant. Monkey babies are also called infants. Monkeys carry their babies around just like people! Do you think they cry like human babies?



Did you know that a baby fish is called a fry? The female fish usually lays many eggs. The baby fry hatches out of an egg. Some baby fish hide and rest in the rocks until they are ready to swim and find their own food.



A rabbit's baby is called a bunny. Bunnies can also be called kittens. Does that remind you of another animal? That's right! Cat babies are also called kittens. Female rabbits make a nest to keep the bunnies warm and safe.



Female cats give birth to around four or five kittens at a time, but they can sometimes have as many as nine! A group of kittens is called a litter.



You've probably seen a baby dog before. These babies are called puppies. Like kittens, a group of puppies is called a litter. A female dog may give birth to only one or maybe as many as seven or eight puppies in a litter.



Now onto a baby that's not quite as cute: a maggot. A maggot is a baby fly. It does not look like a fly, though. Flies have wings and legs, but maggots are white and legless and wingless.



Like fish, baby birds come from an egg. The female bird lays eggs in a nest. She takes care of the eggs until they hatch. When they are first born, they're called hatchlings.



Which baby is your favorite?
The furry ones like puppies,
bunnies, or kittens? Or do
you like insect babies like a
maggot or a caterpillar?
Or do you like the fish fry
baby? Or a feathered baby
like a hatchling?