

# Chicken Life Cycle

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Read the passage to understand the sequence of the stages in a chicken's life cycle and answer the question that follows.

After ovulation, it takes around 23 to 26 hours for a hen to lay the egg. The hen will continue to lay fertile eggs, gathering them in her nest. Once the eggs are laid, it takes about 3 weeks for the embryonic chick to mature. The growing embryo utilizes the nutrient-rich yolk as an energy source and obtains air for breathing through the porous walls of the eggshell. The mother hen incubates the eggs by sitting on them

# Preview

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- Young chickens assert themselves and find their place in the pecking order.
- It takes 21 days for the embryo to develop inside the egg.
- A pullet becomes a hen after its first molt.
- The female chicken lays eggs.
- As the chick get bigger, it sprouts its real feathers.