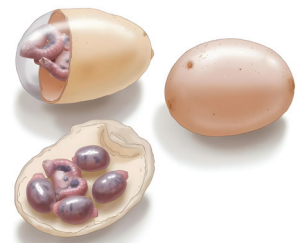


THE FIRE SALAMANDER



SALAMANDERS LOOK LIKE LIZARDS, BUT THEY ARE AMPHIBIANS, LIKE FROGS.



★ They keep their tails (unlike frogs). It takes two years for a salamander to grow.



★ The female lays her eggs in groups in water. After 30 days they hatch into larvae.

SALAMANDER LIFE CYCLE

★ The larva develops lungs and after 60 days there are no longer gills.



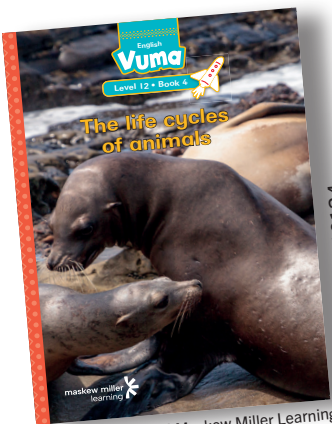
★ After 20 days it starts growing back legs. Soon afterwards the front legs appear.



★ It has a long body and a tail. It lives in the water and breathes through gills. The larva swims and hunts for its own food.



★ Sadly, there are no salamanders in South Africa. They are mostly found in the USA and parts of Europe.



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