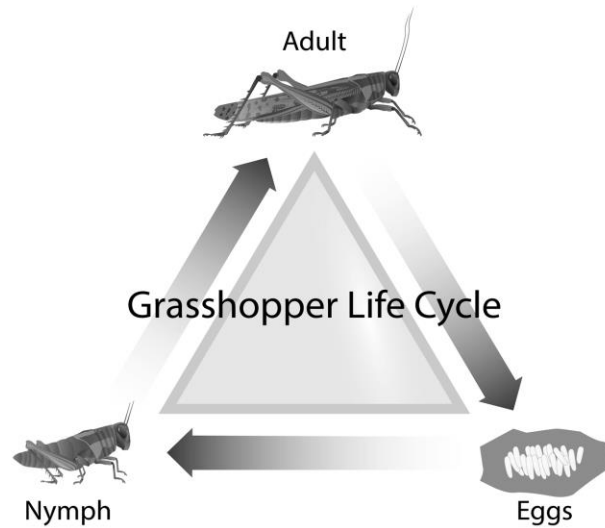




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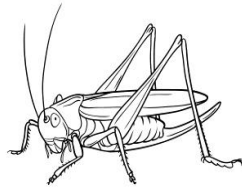
# Life Cycle of a Grasshopper



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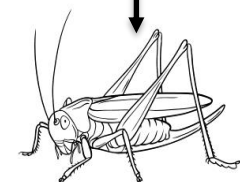
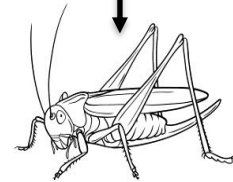


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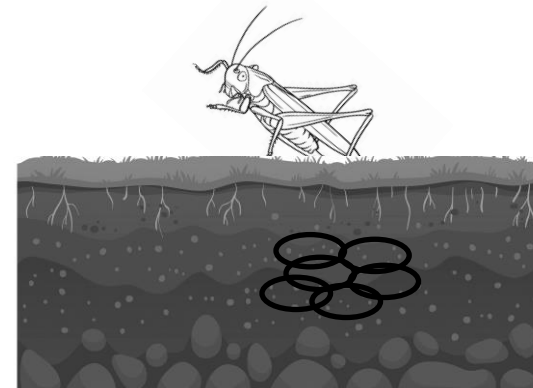
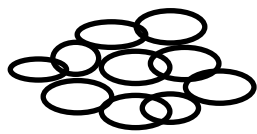
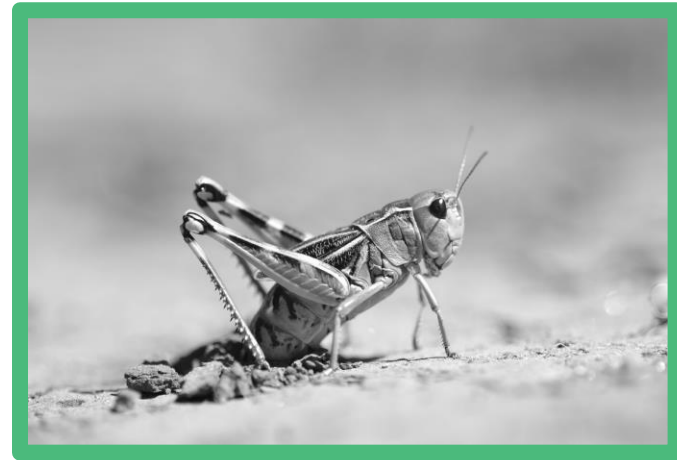
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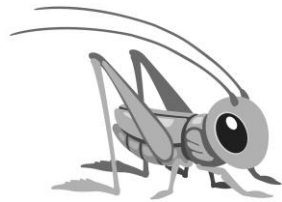
Grasshoppers are insects.

There are male and female grasshoppers.

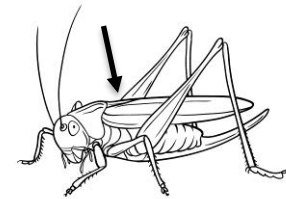
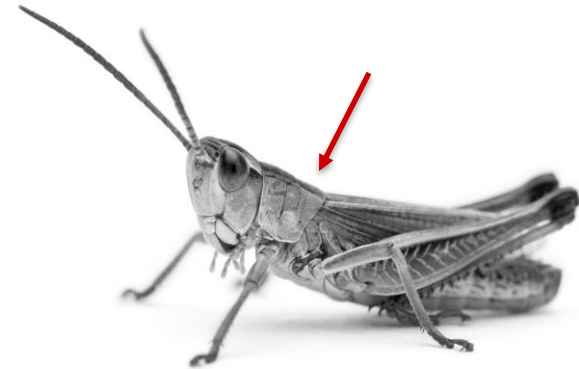


Then, female grasshoppers lay small yellow **eggs**.

Grasshoppers lay their eggs under **dirt**.



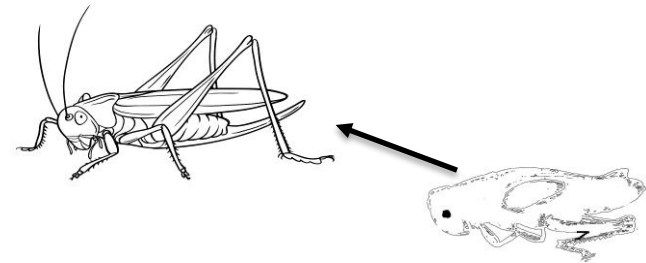
The baby grasshoppers hatch.  
They are called **nymphs**.



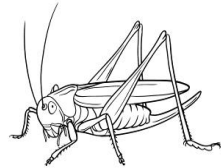
Grasshoppers have a hard  
body. It is their **exoskeleton**.



Baby grasshoppers **grow**.  
They get too big for their  
hard body.



Grasshoppers **molt** when their  
hard body gets too small.  
They shed their old hard body.



The nymphs grow. They become **adult** grasshoppers.



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