

The mother hen lays
eggs.

1 day old

air sac

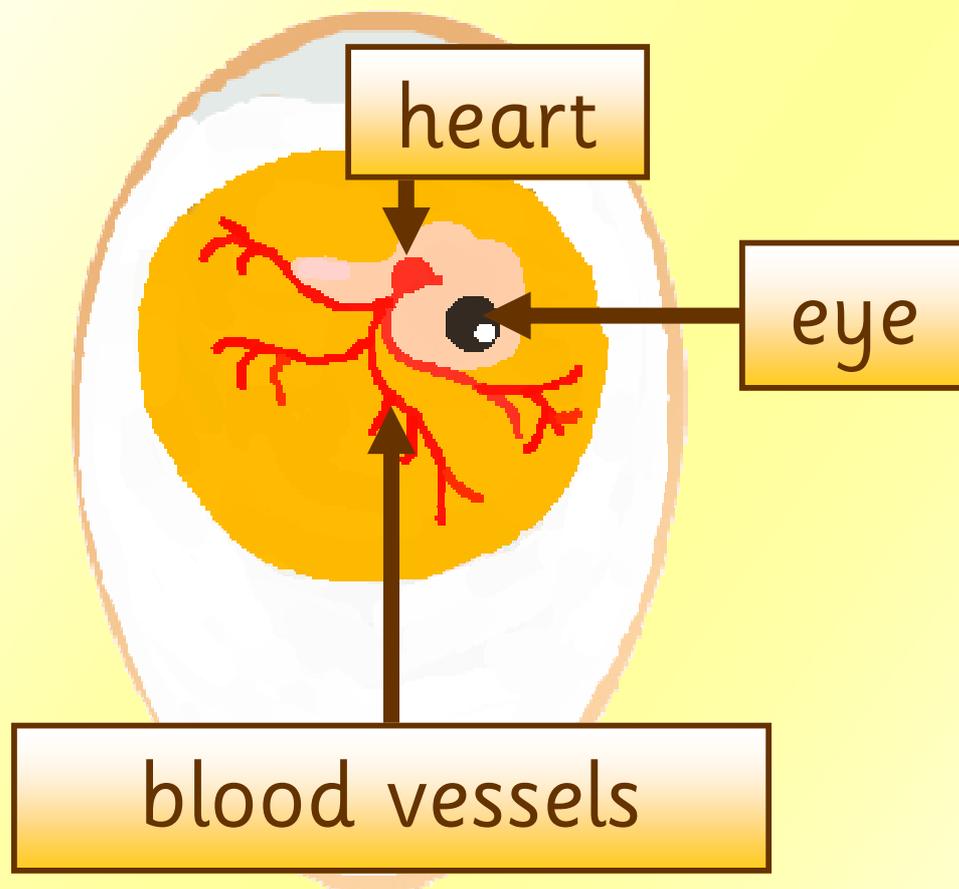
shell

yolk

albumen

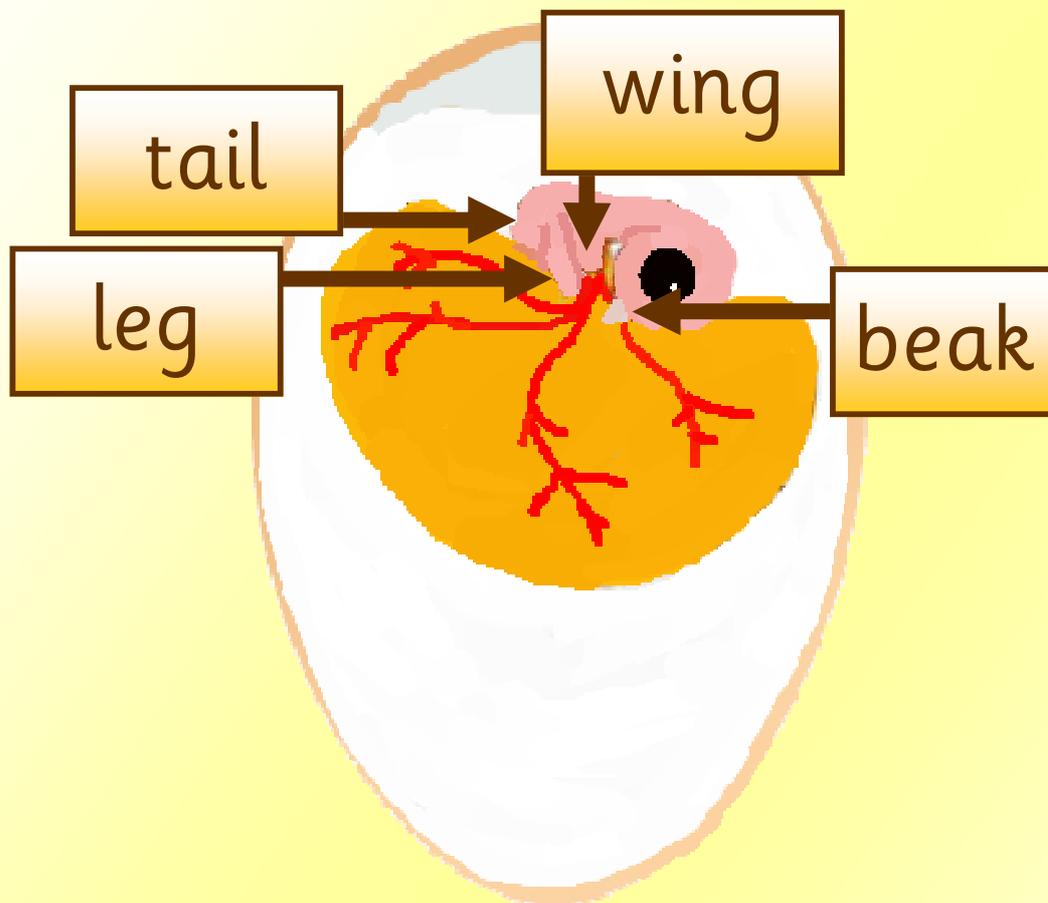
Inside the egg, changes begin. The white spot in the yolk is the beginning of life.

5 days old



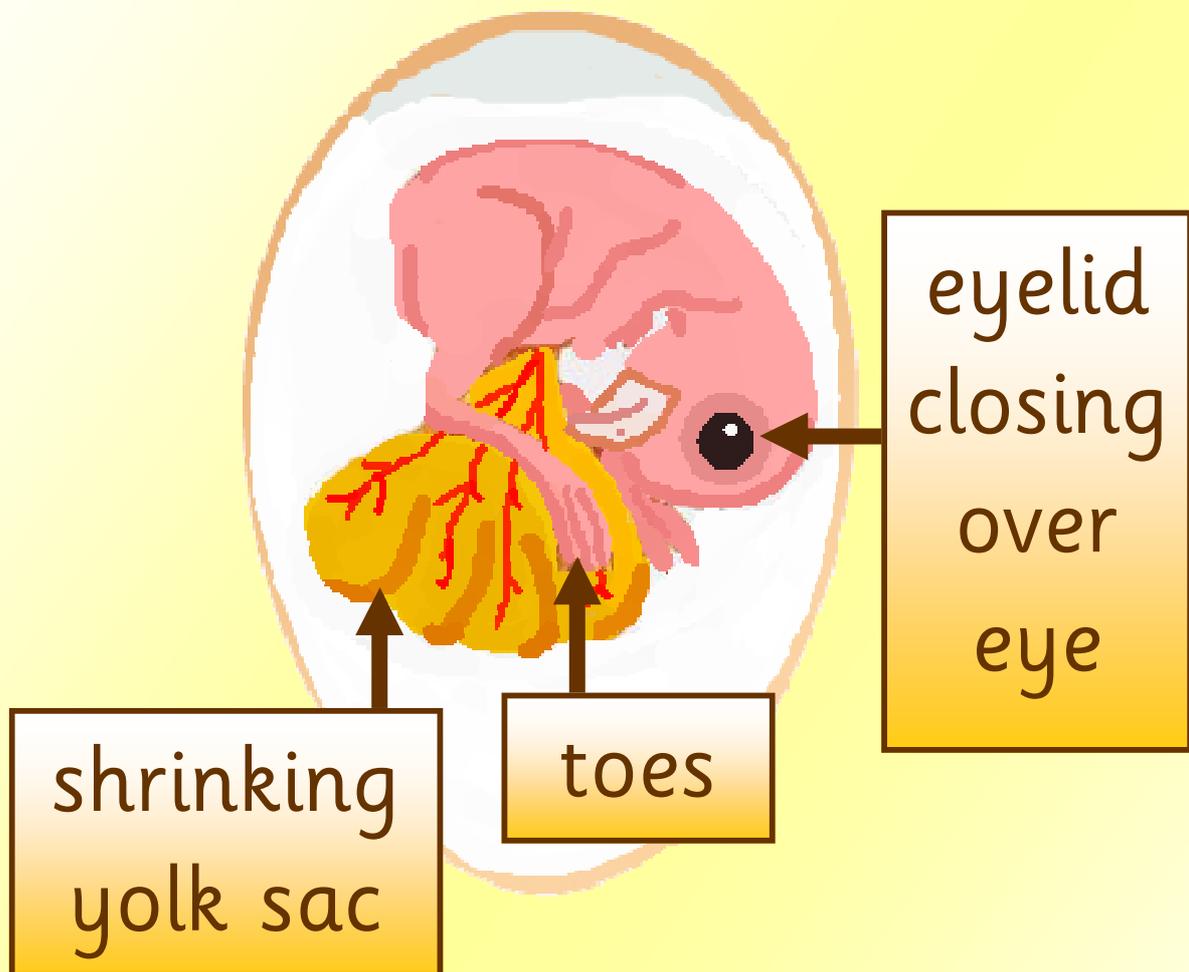
After five days, the head, backbone, heart and eyes are already developing.

10 days old



After ten days, more body parts have developed. You can see the baby bird forming.

15 days old



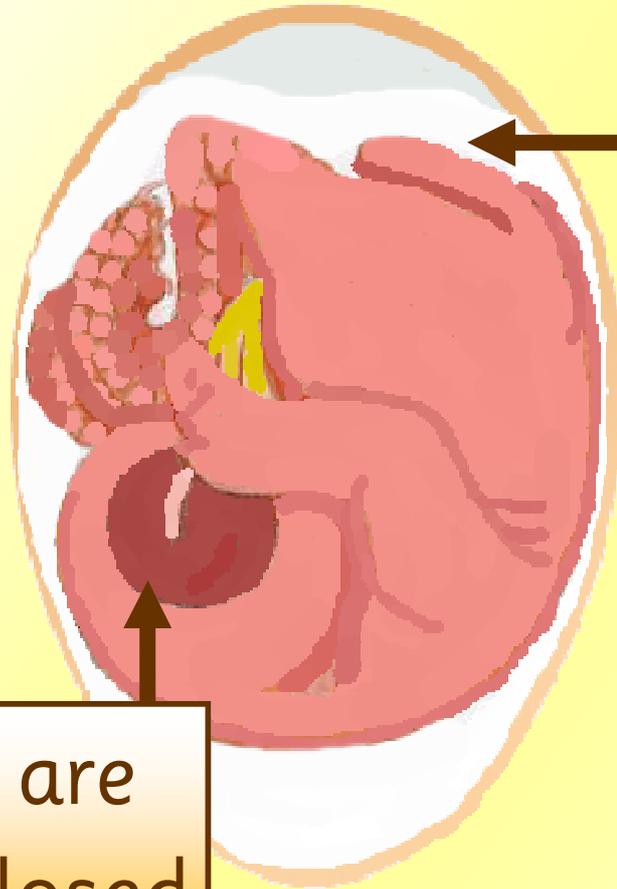
shrinking
yolk sac

toes

eyelid
closing
over
eye

The chick is now almost fully developed. The yolk sac begins to shrink.

20 days old



no
more
yolk
sac

eyes are
now closed

The chick has grown so big it is squeezed inside the egg. It has used up all the food and space.

After 21 days



After 21 days, the incubation period is complete and the chick pecks its way out of the egg's shell.