



☺ Before you were born, you grew inside your mother. Your mother's body kept you safe and gave you **everything** you needed to **grow**. But most animals don't grow inside of their mothers. Instead, they hatch from eggs.



☺ The egg has **everything** the baby needs to **grow**. The shell helps keep the baby safe.



☞ Birds aren't the only animals that lay eggs.  
**Most reptiles do too.**

Reptiles are a group of animals that have dry, scaly skin, breathe air, and are cold blooded. Reptiles include all types of snakes, lizards, turtles, and alligators.



☞ Bird eggshells are hard.  
**Most reptile eggshells are soft.**