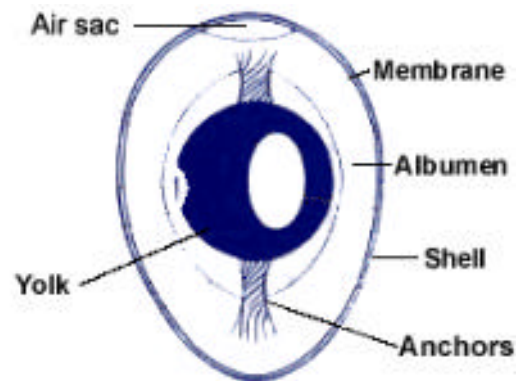


ALL ABOUT EGGS

WHAT IS IN AN EGG?

Every egg comes in its own natural package – the shell. This is made up of calcium carbonate, the same substance that makes up common chalk. The shape of the egg ensures that it always rolls in a curve. This stops it falling out of a nest. It also makes it naturally very strong. In 1979 an egg was dropped from a helicopter. It fell 198 metres and landed without breaking.



Fill in the missing words from the list below.

Inside the shell there is a thin, stretchy lining called a _____ which helps prevent germs from entering. At the top of the egg is a space called the ____ ____ This gets larger as the egg gets older, so a stale egg contains more _____ than a fresh egg. Inside the membrane is the egg white and inside that is the _____. The yolk is held in place by twisted threads called the chalazae which act as _____ and prevent the yolk breaking when the egg moves around.

anchors

yolk

egg

membrane

air sac