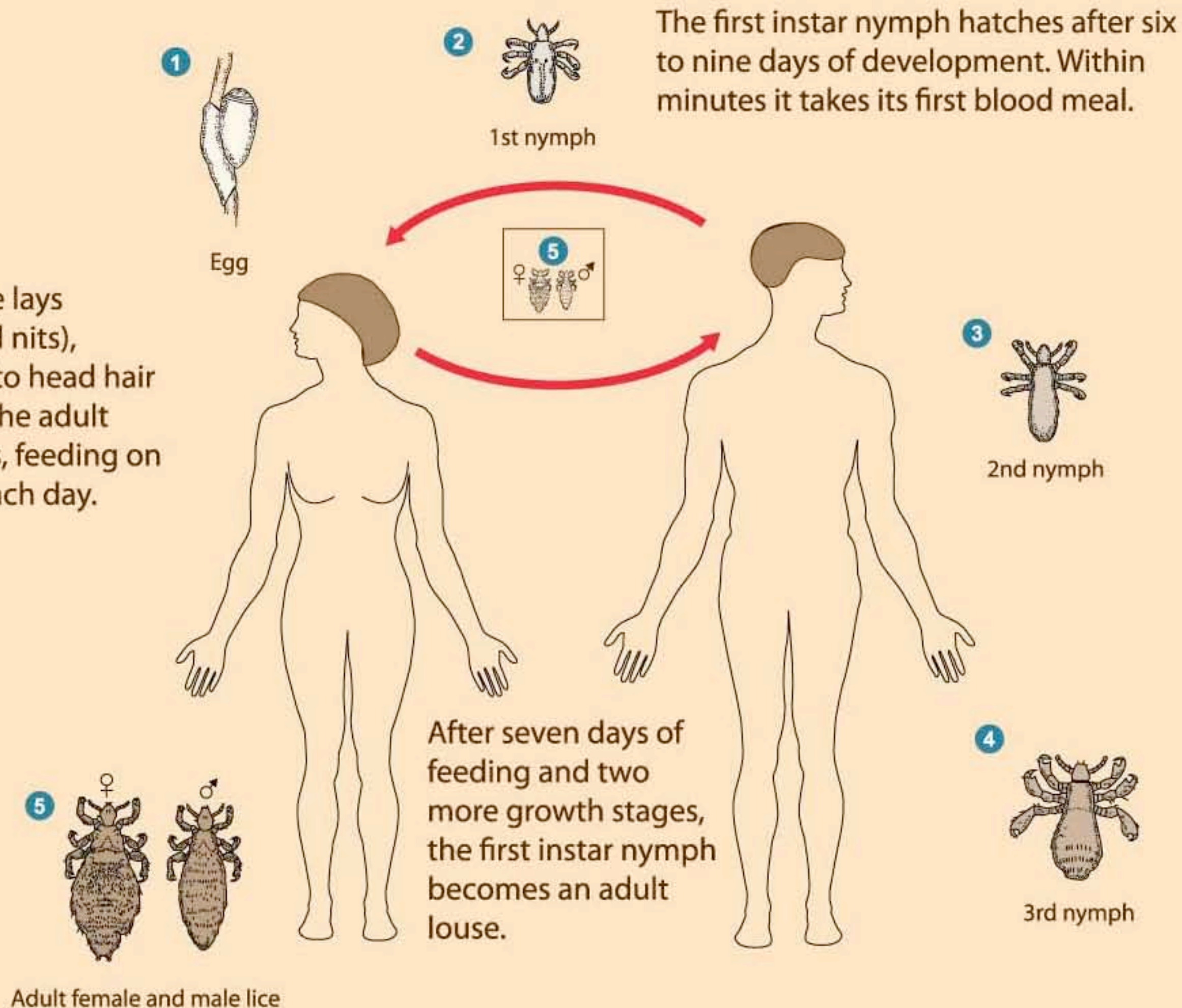


Life Cycle of the Head Louse

The female head louse lays individual eggs (called nits), strongly gluing them to head hair shafts near the skin. The adult lives for about 30 days, feeding on blood several times each day.



The entire head louse life cycle takes place on the host. Only humans serve as hosts and direct physical contact is necessary for lice to be transferred from one person to another.