

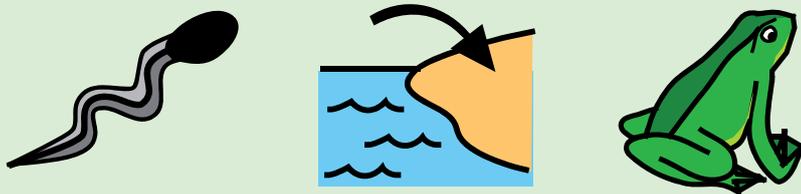
How many amphibian species are there?

There are 6,317 amphibian species, of which 5,576 frogs and toads, 566 are newts and salamanders, and 175 are caecilians.



What does amphibian mean?

The word amphibian comes from a Greek word and means 'two lives'. This is because most amphibians start off as tadpole in water, and change into adults, living on land.



How long have amphibians been around?

Amphibians are the oldest land vertebrates. Amphibian species are known to have lived in Greenland 362 million years ago.

How long do frogs live?

Some frogs only live for a few years. Many frogs live 6 or 7 years. When kept in zoos and as pets some frogs, like the Green Tree Frog, can live up to 30 years.



What's the difference between a frog and toad?

Not much! True toads tend to have short legs and dry 'warty' skin, though there are plenty of frogs that fit this description as well.

Toad ✓



Narrowmouth Toad

Toad ✗



Gastric brooding Frog

Toad ✓



American Toad

Toad ✗



Tusked Frog

Toad ✓



Guttural Toad

Toad ✗



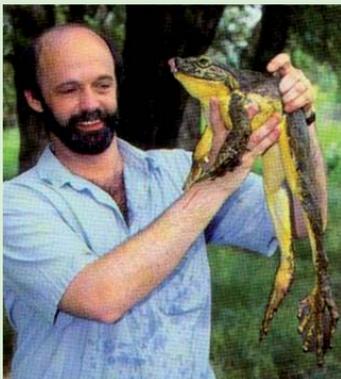
Emerald Spotted Tree Frog

Which is the smallest frog?

The smallest frog is the Cuban frog *Eleutherodactylus iberia*. These frogs grow to only 10 mm (0.4 in). They are threatened by pesticides, and mining that destroys their habitat.



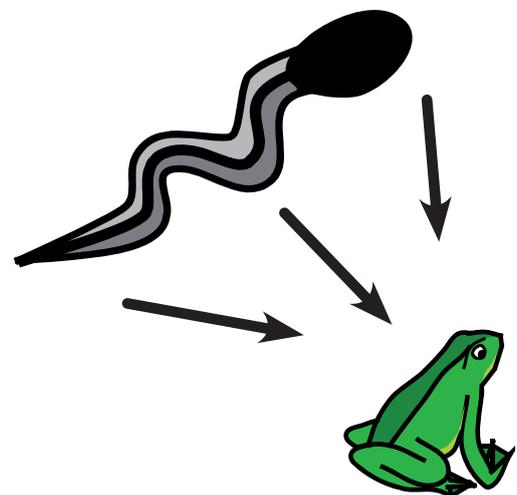
Which is the largest frog?



The world's largest frog is the Goliath Frog, which lives in western Africa. They can grow to be over 30 cm (1 ft) long, and weigh over 3 kg (6.6 lbs). This species is endangered because their rainforest is cut down and turned into farmland.

Which is the largest tadpole?

The largest tadpole is from the Paradoxical Frog. As a tadpole its size ranges from 22 to 30cm (8.7 to 11.8 in) in length. The Paradoxical Frog is sometimes called the 'Shrinking frog' because when it changes from a tadpole to a frog it shrinks to a quarter of its tadpole size, about 6cm (2.4 in).



How far can a frog jump?

The Australia's Striped Rocket Frog can jump a distance equivalent to 55 times its body length! That would be like you jumping a football field! How do they do that?

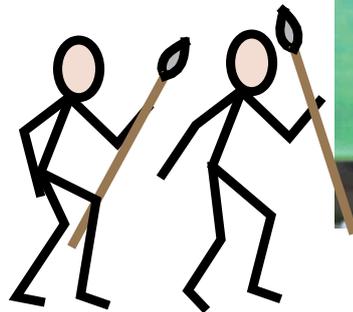
Their legs are twice as long as the rest of their body, and their leg muscles are 1/3 of their overall weight.



Are frogs poisonous?

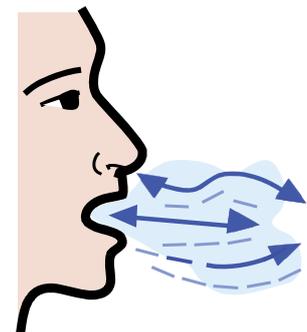
Some frogs, like poison dart frogs, are poisonous. They get the poison from the bugs they eat. These frogs are brightly colored to warn that they are dangerous.

Tribal hunters use this poison on their arrows for hunting.



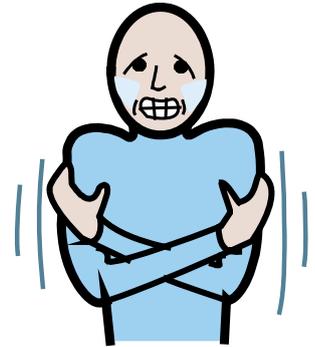
How do frogs breathe?

Tadpoles have gills, and breathe underwater. Frogs have lungs, but don't breathe through their mouths like us. Frogs absorb oxygen through their skin.



Can frogs live in cold weather?

Wood Frogs from North America can survive in very cold winters. They can actually survive being frozen. Their breathing and heartbeat stops and ice crystals form in their skin. This would be harmful to humans, we would get frostbite. Then in the spring they defrost and come alive again. Cool frogs!



Can frogs live in hot weather?

Some frogs live in deserts, where the air is very hot and dry. Frogs need to stay wet, so they burrow underground in the sand. The frogs shed their skin to make a safe cocoon.

They stay underground until it starts to rain. They can stay buried for 10 months. When it rains all the frogs dig their way out to the surface to enjoy the cool wet rain.



Where do frogs live?

Frogs live all over the world, in many different environments. From rainforests, woodland, and even deserts, to your garden pond. Frogs are threatened because a lot of their habitat is being destroyed. It's very important that we try to save these different places because this will help save the frogs!