

Fun Frog Facts To Know and Love

Frogs evolved from fish who flopped out on land long ago when their ponds dried up, and developed legs in place of fins.

Frogs breathe through their skin and through lungs. Under water, they take oxygen out of the water through their skin. They need their skin to be wet so they can breathe even on dry land.

Some frogs live in the water all their lives. Others live in damp woodlands and marshes. They all return to the water to lay their eggs.

Frog babies are tadpoles. They look like fish and breathe through gills. Over time they grow legs, the tail is taken into the body, the gills are covered with skin, and lungs for breathing on land grow inside.

Amphibian means “double life” in Greek.

There are more than 2000 kinds of frogs, from all over the world. The bullfrog is the largest in America (6-8”), and the smallest is the Little Grass Frog (1/2”).

They sing with their throats blown up like a balloon. They are great jumpers--up to 30x their body length! It jumps to escape predators, and to catch prey.

- **Frogs look for food with eyes that see in all directions. They stare without blinking. They protect their eyes from drying by shutting them halfway. They can still see, because they can look right through their lower eyelids. They only target living, moving insects.**

The frog’s tongue is attached at the front of the mouth--it flips forward to catch the insect with its sticky tip, then swings back into the frog’s mouth. This happens in less than a tenth of a second!!

Frogs find food at twilight or on rainy or cloudy days. They hide under damp leaves or under water during the heat of the day.

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