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## Frogs

### Frogs, Frogs, Frogs!

### Frog Food!

2. Frogs belong to a group of animals called **amphibians**. Amphibians are cold-blooded vertebrates that are able to live on both land and water. Frogs come in all different shapes, sizes, and colors. The microfrog, which is the smallest frog, is only the size of a fingernail. The largest frog, which is the goliath frog, is as big as a rabbit. Typically people think of frogs as being green or brown, but they can also be red, yellow, orange, and even bright blues. Some frogs even have spots and stripes.

1. Any guesses what a frog's favorite food is? Actually different types of frogs eat very different types of foods. Most frogs feast on insects, such as crickets, dragonflies, and other bugs. While larger frogs eat small animals such as mice, and even other frogs.

★ Did you know??? A frog stretches out its long tongue to catch its prey. If you had a tongue as long as a frog's, it would stretch all the way to your belly button!

### Life Cycle of a Frog

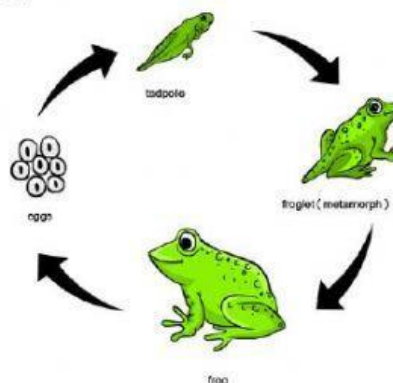
3. When frogs are first born, they look very different. First of all, frogs do not have live births. The mothers actually lay eggs. Once the eggs are ready, they hatch into tadpoles, or baby frogs. Tadpoles have long tails and can only live in the water. As the tadpoles grow, their tails get shorter and they begin growing legs. Eventually, in about 3 months, the tadpoles completely lose their tails and are ready to be able to live on land too.



4. The goliath frog can be over 1 foot long and weigh over 7 pounds.

### Where do Frogs Live?

5. Frogs live in places all over the world. They can actually be found on every continent except Antarctica. A **habitat** is the place where a plant or animal lives. Most frogs like to live in habitats that are wet areas, such as ponds, rivers, and lakes. Some frogs, however, live in trees, and even in deserts.



6. Frog Life Cycle

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Use the passage "Frogs" to answer questions 8-20.

8. What continent do frogs live on?

- a. Antarctica                      b. South America
- c. All but Antarctica      d. Africa

9. What is an amphibian?

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10. What is smallest frog in the world?

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11. If your tongue was as long as a frog's, where would it stretch to?

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12. After the mother lays her eggs, they hatch and turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. frogs                      b. tadpoles
- c. froglets                  d. hatchlings

13. How much can the goliath frog weigh?

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14. What group of animals do frogs belong to?

- a. mammals                  b. reptiles
- c. fish                          d. amphibians

15. Where do tadpoles live?

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16. What is a habitat?

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17. What phase in a frog's life cycle do frogs go through AFTER being a tadpole, but BEFORE becoming a frog?

- a. eggs                          b. tadpole
- c. froglet                      d. frog

18. What do MOST frogs eat?

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19. How long after hatching does it take before a frog completely loses its tail?

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20. Most frogs like to live in wet areas (rivers, lakes, ponds). What other two places might you find frogs living in?

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