

PEPEKETUA

FROGS OF AOTEAROA



LI: Read for meaning

Life Cycle

Female frogs lay their eggs under stones or leaves, and the males sit on the eggs till they hatch. Tadpoles grow inside the egg and stay there till they are almost fully formed. This process takes between four to five weeks. When the young froglets hatch they climb on to their father's back for protection, complete with yolk sac and tails. The froglets absorb their yolk sac and tails and after about two months they are big enough to hop off and lead their own lives. Hochstetter's frog is the only one of the four that shows no parental concern. It lays its eggs in or near water, the father does not look after the eggs. When the sacs burst the larvae wriggle to the water to continue their growth through tadpole to fully grown frog. Native frogs are long-lived and some Maud Island frogs have been known to be over 40 years old.

Activities:

Complete the Puzzle



Think about . . .

1. Name one main difference between native frogs and other frogs?
2. Why do froglets climb on to their father's back?
3. What do froglets eat while they are waiting to grow up?

TRUE or FALSE:

1. Female frogs lay their eggs in ponds and lakes.
2. From laying to froglet takes between four to five weeks.
3. When young froglets hatch they climb on to their father's legs.
4. Froglets eat worms and huhu grubs for about about two months.
5. Hochstetter's frog lays its eggs in or near water.
6. Native male frogs sit on their eggs till they hatch.

Maze - Help our frogs find their way home



What colour where does each frog pass?

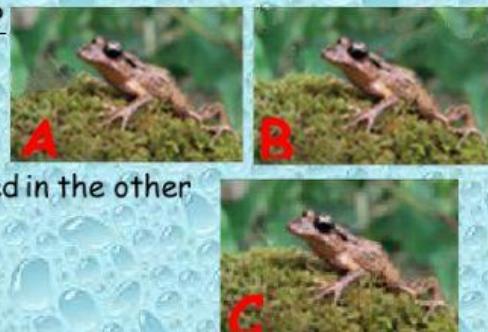
Frog A passes the ...

Frog B passes the ...

Frog C passes the ...

What's the Difference?

Which image has not been changed?



What one thing changed in the other two?

Spot the Difference

This spot the difference is different in that the frogs are facing each other



Spot the Differences answers

1. More mushrooms around the frog 2. Mushroom in the top left corner
3. Front leg of frog missing 4. Fly in front of frog
5. Danger sign in bottom left corner 6. Made in Ruatoria on leaf

The six differences are ..