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# Frogs!

## National Geographic Readers: Frogs!

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Alive with froggy facts, this book brings you deep into the swampy world of our amphibian amigos.

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# Splash!



Pacific Chorus Frog

Splish, splash.

What is that sound?

What is hopping and jumping around?

What loves to swim?

What loves to eat bugs?

It's a frog!

Can you hop like a frog?

Q What happened to the frog's car when it broke down?

A It got toad.

Frogs live all over the world, except Antarctica. Frogs usually live in wet places. They like rivers, lakes, and ponds.



Marsh Frog



Andean Marsupial Frog



Red-Eyed Tree Frog



Bullfrog

# Ribbit!

**Habitat:**

The natural place where a plant or animal lives

But some frogs live in trees. Some even live in the desert. Frogs can be found all over the world. Wherever they live, that's their habitat.

# Croak!

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Look at this frog croaking! Some frogs' throats puff up when they make sounds. Each type of frog makes its own sound.

Lake Frog



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Coqui Frog

Ribbit!

**Croak:** The deep, hoarse noise that a frog makes

The coqui frog is named after the sound it makes. It sounds like “CO-KEE!” This frog is the size of a quarter. Even small frogs can make loud noises.

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Frogs make different sounds for different reasons. Sometimes it's to warn other frogs of danger. Sometimes it's to call to frogs nearby.



### Dancing Frog

This frog lives around noisy waterfalls. Other frogs would not be able to hear its calls. So it dances instead! It sticks out one leg, and then the other. Can you dance like this frog?



# Frog Food

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What is a frog's favorite food? Usually it's insects. Frogs eat dragonflies and crickets and other bugs.



Green Frog



Amazon Horned Frog

Some frogs eat bigger animals like worms and mice. The American bullfrog even eats other frogs!



American Bullfrog

Q Why are frogs so happy?

A They eat what bugs them!

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What's that pink flash? It's how a frog catches bugs. It shoots out its long, sticky tongue at a passing bug. The frog pulls the bug into its mouth.

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If your tongue were as long as a frog's, it would reach to your belly button!

Green Tree Frog

# Every Size and Color

Frogs can be many different sizes.



Microfrog

The smallest frog is as big as a fingernail.

The largest is as big as a rabbit.



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Goliath Frog



Frogs can be different colors, too.

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Tiger Striped Leaf Frog



Some are green or brown.

Amazonian Poison Dart Frog



Others have stripes or spots.



Red Poison Dart Frog

Frogs can be red, yellow, or orange.

Blue Poison Dart Frog



They can even be bright blue!

# Watch Out!

These colorful frogs may look pretty. But watch out! These frogs have poison in their skin. Their bright color warns enemies not to eat them.

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Ribbit!

**Poison:**  
Something that can kill or hurt living things

Poison Dart Frog



Yellow Banded Poison Dart Frog



Poison Dart Frog



This little frog is only an inch long. 公众号: Wecan

Its name is Terribilis, which means “the terrible one.” How did it get this name? By being the most deadly frog of all! One Terribilis has enough poison to kill 20,000 mice.



What do stylish frogs wear?

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**Terribilis**

Red-Eyed Tree Frog Eggs

# Frog Babies

All frogs, even the Terribilis, have mothers. Mother frogs lay eggs. When the eggs are ready, out pop the tadpoles!

Tadpoles are baby frogs. But they don't look like frogs yet. Tadpoles have tails. They live only in water.

Pacific Tree Frog Tadpole

Tadpoles grow up to be frogs.

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At first they breathe underwater with gills.



Red-Eyed Tree Frog Tadpoles



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They grow lungs for breathing air.

**Ribbit!**

**Gills:** The body parts on the sides of a fish or tadpole through which it breathes

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They grow legs for hopping and swimming.



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In three months, they lose their tails.



It's time to hop out of the water!

# Toads Are Frogs, Too!

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What's the difference between toads and frogs?

Toads are a type of frog. Frogs spend most of their lives around water.

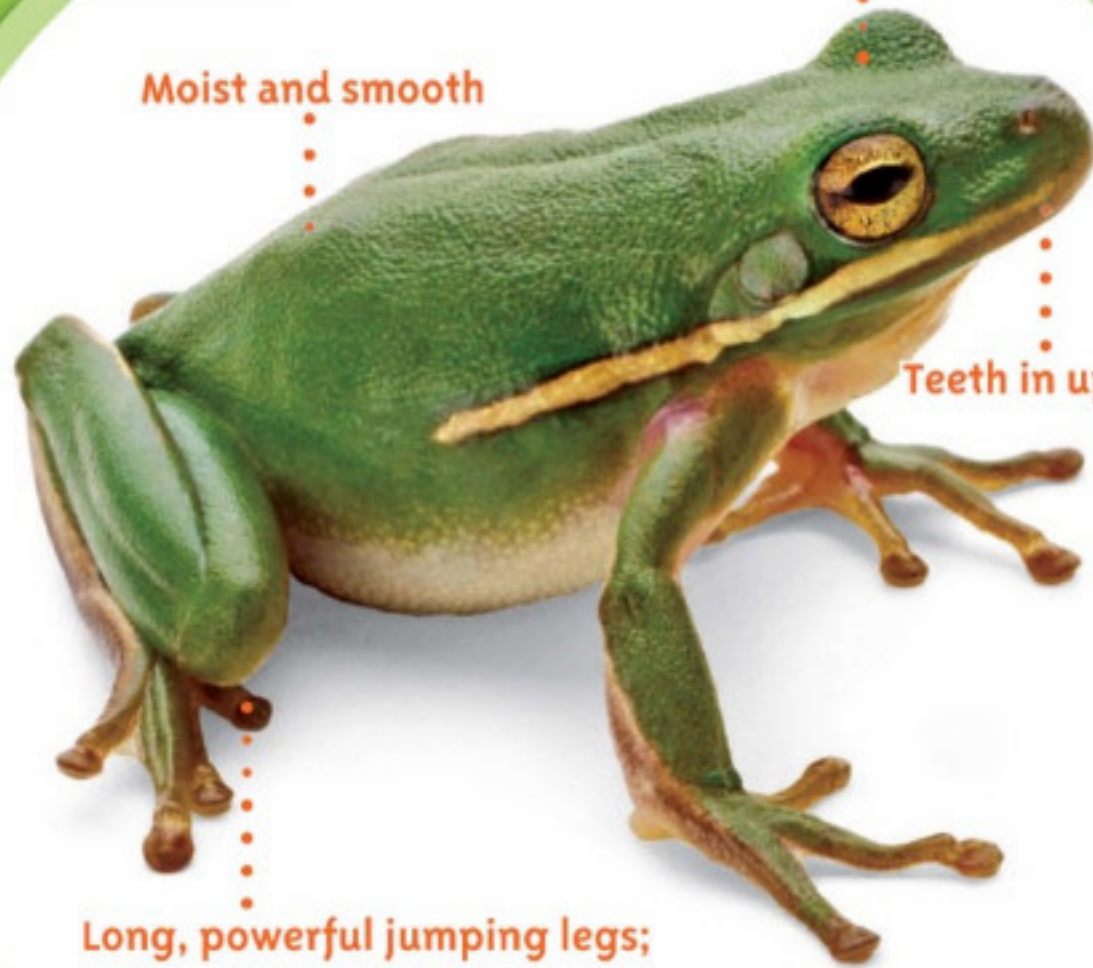
Toads spend more time on dry land.

Their bodies are built for where they live.

## FROG

Some frogs are poisonous.

Moist and smooth



Teeth in upper jaw

Long, powerful jumping legs; most frogs have webbed hind feet.

Eggs laid in clusters, or groups

## TOAD

Eyes do not bulge out from the body; a poison gland is located behind each eye.

Dry and bumpy



No teeth

Eggs laid in long chains (but a few toads give birth to live young)

Shorter legs (for walking)

# SUPER FROGS!

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## TWO FACED FAKER



TWO HEADS....

...ARE BETTER THAN ONE!!

A FAKE FACE FOOLS ENEMIES WHEN THIS FROG TURNS AROUND!

LOUD-MOUTHED FROG LEAVES ENEMIES STUNNED!

## THE SCREAMER



AAAAAA-II-EEEE!!!

## The HIGH FLYER



WHOOOSH!

IT'S A BIRD.  
IT'S A PLANE!

It's a Gliding Leaf Frog!

ANY FROG CAN JUMP, BUT WATCH ME GLIDE!

## MR. INVISTIBLE



Now you see him. Now you don't!

HE'S A MASTER OF DISGUISE!



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### CROAK

The deep, hoarse noise that a frog makes

### GILLS

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### HABITAT

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### POISON

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