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Frog or Toad? Look Closely

Circle group

Frogs and toads look alike. Both have big eyes. Both eat bugs. Both start as tadpoles in water. But you can tell them apart.

A frog has smooth, wet skin. Its back legs are long, so it leaps far. It stays near ponds.

A toad has dry, bumpy skin. Its back legs are short, so it hops small hops. It can walk far from water.

Look at the skin and the legs.

Questions

1. What do frogs and toads eat?

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2. What is a frog's skin like?

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3. What is a toad's skin like?

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4. How do frogs and toads start life?

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5. Why can a frog leap farther?

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Words to know

tadpole: a baby frog or toad that lives in water
smooth: not rough or bumpy
bumpy: covered with small lumps
leap: to jump a long way

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Frog or Toad? Look Closely

Triangle group

Frogs and toads look a lot alike. Both have big eyes. Both eat bugs. Both start out as tadpoles in the water. But you can tell them apart.

A frog has smooth, wet skin. It has long back legs, so it leaps far. A frog likes to stay near ponds.

A toad has dry, bumpy skin. Its back legs are short, so it hops in small hops. A toad can walk far from water, and it hides under logs in the day.

Next time you see one, look at its skin and its legs.

Questions

1. What do frogs and toads both eat?

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2. What is a frog's skin like?

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3. What is a toad's skin like?

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4. Where do frogs and toads begin their lives?

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5. Why can a frog leap farther than a toad?

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Frog or Toad? Look Closely

Square group

Frogs and toads look remarkably alike. Both have large eyes, both eat bugs, and both begin life as tadpoles in the water. Even so, you can tell them apart if you look carefully.

A frog has smooth, wet skin and long back legs, which allow it to leap a long way. A frog likes to stay close to ponds.

A toad has dry, bumpy skin. Its back legs are short, so it takes smaller hops. A toad can wander far from water, and during the day it hides beneath logs.

The next time you see one, study its skin and its legs.

Questions

1. What do frogs and toads both eat?

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2. How would you describe a frog's skin?

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3. How would you describe a toad's skin?

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4. How do both animals begin their lives?

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5. Why is a frog able to leap farther than a toad?

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For the teacher: Frog or Toad? Look Closely

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Frog or Toad? Look Closely

Easier · 72 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. Bugs.
2. Smooth and wet.
3. Dry and bumpy.
4. As tadpoles in water.
5. A frog has long back legs, and a toad has short ones.

Triangle: Frog or Toad? Look Closely

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

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2. Smooth and wet.
3. Dry and bumpy.
4. As tadpoles in the water.
5. A frog has long back legs, and a toad has short ones.

Square: Frog or Toad? Look Closely

Harder · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

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2. Smooth and wet.
3. Dry and bumpy.
4. As tadpoles in the water.
5. A frog has long back legs, while a toad's back legs are short.