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# The Amazing Life of Frogs

Have you ever visited a pond and heard a loud "croak" or a "ribbit"? If so, you were likely listening to a frog! Frogs are some of the most interesting creatures on Earth because they live a "double life." They are amphibians, which means they spend part of their lives in the water and part on land.

## From Egg to Adult

A frog's life begins in the water as a tiny, jelly-like egg. When the egg hatches, out swims a tadpole. At first, a tadpole looks more like a fish than a frog! It has a long tail for swimming and gills to breathe underwater.

As the tadpole grows, its body begins to change. This change is called metamorphosis. First, it grows back legs, and then it grows front legs. Its tail starts to get shorter and eventually disappears. Most importantly, the frog develops lungs so it can breathe air on land once it hops out of the pond.

## Super Skins and Long Tongues

Frogs have very special skin. It is usually slimy and moist. Did you know that frogs don't just breathe through their lungs? They can actually breathe through their skin, too! Because of this, they must stay near water or damp places so their skin doesn't dry out.

When it comes to lunchtime, frogs are master hunters. Most frogs eat insects like flies, moths, and beetles. A frog has a long, sticky tongue that is attached to the front of its mouth. When an insect flies by, the frog flips its tongue out lightning-fast, grabs the bug, and pulls it back in for a snack!





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## Staying Safe

Because frogs are small, many larger animals like snakes, birds, and fish want to eat them. Frogs have clever ways to stay safe. Many frogs use camouflage, with skin that is green or brown to help them blend in with leaves and mud. Other frogs, like the Poison Dart Frog, are bright yellow, blue, or red. Just like the Monarch butterfly, these bright colors are a warning to predators that say, "Stay away! I taste bad and I am poisonous!"



1. What is the main idea of the entire passage?
  - A) Frogs have long, sticky tongues to catch flies.
  - B) Frogs are amphibians that go through amazing changes and have unique ways to survive.
  - C) Poison Dart Frogs are the most dangerous animals in the pond.
  - D) Tadpoles look like fish because they have long tails.
2. Which sentence best describes the main idea of the "Staying Safe" section?
  - A) Snakes and birds are the biggest enemies of the frog.
  - B) Many frogs are green so they can hide in the grass.
  - C) Frogs use camouflage and warning colors to protect themselves from predators.
  - D) Poisonous frogs are always bright red or blue.
3. How is a tadpole's breathing different from an adult frog's breathing?
  - A) Tadpoles use lungs, while adult frogs use gills.
  - B) There is no difference; they both breathe the exact same way.
  - C) Tadpoles breathe through their tails, while adult frogs use their tongues.
  - D) Tadpoles use gills to breathe underwater, while adult frogs use lungs and their skin.