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Frog or Toad?

Is it a frog? Or is it a toad? How can you tell? Frogs and toads are very similar. They are both amphibians. They both have a long, sticky tongue. They both eat insects and croak too! So, how are frogs and toads different from one another?

Frogs have thin bodies, while toads have wide bodies. Frogs' eyes bulge out above their heads, but toads' eyes do not. Frogs have smooth, moist skin that looks slimy. Toads have dry, bumpy skin that looks warty. Many people think that if you touch a toad, you will get warts. This is just a myth.

Both frogs and toads have short front legs, but their back legs differ greatly. Frogs have long hind legs to help them make high, long jumps. Toads, on the other hand, have short hind legs for walking and smaller hops. When danger is near, frogs use their long legs to get away quickly. Toads, however, are not as fast and they need their skin to help protect them. Their skin smells bad and has a yucky taste that makes animals not want to eat them.

All frogs and toads lay their eggs in the water. Many species of frogs spend much of their time in the water anyways. They have webbed feet that help them swim faster. Unlike frogs, toads live mainly on land; therefore, they do not have webbed feet.

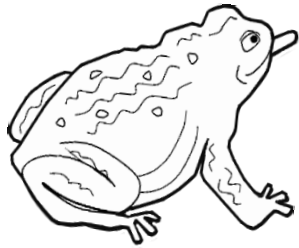
Frogs and toads are very alike and different in many ways. Next time you spot one, see if you can tell what it is!



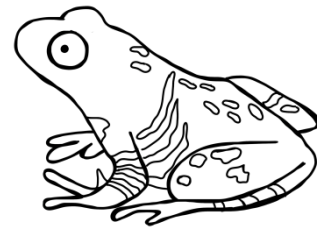
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Directions: Answer the questions below using complete sentences. Highlight the part of the story where you found your answer (when appropriate).

1. Which is which? Write frog or toad on the lines below.



A. _____



B. _____

2. How does a toad's skin keep it safe from other animals?

3. How do webbed feet help a frog? _____

4. Why might someone not touch a toad if they see one?

