

Frog or Toad?
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Parts(3 plus): Narrator Frog(s) Toad(s)



Narrator 1: Frog or Toad? By Patricia A. Lynch

Frogs and Toads: A frog and a toad look alike. Some things about them are the same. Some things are different.

Frogs: Frogs lay their eggs in water. They lay a lot of eggs. Hundreds and hundreds at one time. The eggs float near the top of the water.

Toads: Toads lay their eggs in water, too. They also lay a lot of eggs. But the toad eggs look like long strings.

Frogs: Frog tadpoles hatch from the frog eggs. The tadpoles have tails, but they do not have legs.

Toads: Toad tadpoles hatch from the toad eggs. These tadpoles also have tails and do not have legs.

Frogs: Soon the frog tadpoles have legs. The tadpoles' tails soon shrink up and fall off. These tadpoles will be frogs.

Toads: Soon the toad tadpoles have legs, too. The tadpoles' tails also fall off. But these tadpoles will be toads.

Frogs: The frogs stay near water as adults. Frogs need to be near water.

Toads: The toads live on land. They do not need to be near water anymore.

Frogs: You can tell a frog from a toad. Look at the frog. A frog has smooth, wet skin.

Toads: Look at the toad. A toad has dry skin. There are lots of bumps on its skin.

Frogs: Look at the frog. It can make a sound in its throat. Croak! Croak!

Toads: Look at the toad. It can also make a sound in its throat, too. Nee-deep!
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Frogs and Toads: Now you know how frogs and toads are the same.

Narrator: And you also know how frogs and toads are different.