
The 5th Grade Newspaper

Animals

Frogs

by: Chase Denoo

Did you ever wonder about frogs? What do they eat? Where do they live? What is it like to be a frog or toad? We'll answer all of these questions on our adventure about these great amphibians.

Hope you learn a lot!

There are 5 stages of a frog's life.

Stage 1 is the egg which hatches stage 2.

Stage 2 is the tadpole which is the eel looking tiny fish which turns into Stage 3.

Stage 3 is the time they develop their legs. Well, you know it changes again to Stage 4.

Stage 4 is the froglet that looks like a frog, but different.

And last but not least,

Stage 5 the adult full grown frog!!! Yayyyy!!!

The frog is about 7.5 to 8cm in size and the toad is about the same. Toads are really warty and dry and frogs are more moist and smooth. Toads also have small legs for walking and frogs have big legs for jumping around on lily pads. Also toads are stubby.

Frogs are found everywhere, except Antarctica. The frog family includes: bull frog, common frog, green frog, leopard frog, marsh frog, pickerel frog and wood frog. There are over 400 species of them. There are only 300 species of toads.

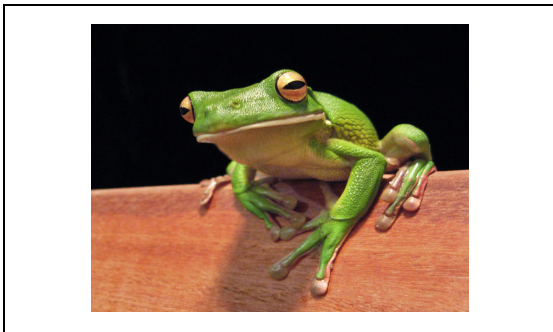
The frog/toad habitat is usually in tall, grassy wetlands or rain forests. Their habitat can also be by lakes, ponds or oceans. Also, their habitat has to be moist or their eggs won't hatch. The reason frogs are moist is because their habitat is really wet. Plus, tadpoles need water to breathe because they have gills.

Fun Facts:

Did you know that a froglet is a frog with a tail. Or that Bull Frogs look similar to toads? Frog eggs and toad eggs look the same, but are laid differently.

If you love frogs, why don't you get a pet frog and to take care of or go to a forest or nature preserve.

For more information go to: <http://www.allaboutfrogs.com>



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Horses

by: Ally Lattimer

Stingrays

by: Lorna Langan



Stingray in it's natural environment

Ducks

by: Chloe Meating

Did you know that ducks are very fascinating animals? They can have lots of habitats. Ducks eat a variety of food. They do not come in one color they come in lots of colors and in different places on their body.

If you know a lot about ducks you are going to know more after you read this.

Habitat

Ducks live all around the world. They live in / on or around a farm, water, parks, zoos, gardens and around natural resources. They spend most of their time in water or flying in the sky. Finally, when the weather gets colder they fly south.

Food

Ducks eat all kinds of food they eat corn, fish, bread, acorns, seeds, nuts, plants, snails and insects. Different kinds of ducks eat different food depending on where they live.

Appearance

Ducks come in different colors in different places on their body like yellow, green, brown, orange, blue, black, red, pink, grey and finally white.

Have you ever wondered how ducks look well here you go, cute, big, fluffy, fat, baby, sharp bill to kill pray, webbed feet to swim, tall and short, they come in all sizes. Did you know that all ducks sound

Stingrays earned a great deal of negative attention soon after famous crocodile hunter Steve Irwin died on September 4, 2006 in an incident with a deadly stingray. Six weeks later 81 year old James Bertakis was stabbed in the chest. But James did not even attempt to remove the stinger. Some say that is why he survived. Who knows?

Behaviors

Stingrays can get aggressive, which is meant for self-defense. These gentle giants do not have the desire to consume, their instincts are for survival, like stinging on contact with something that encloses them into a trap or is hurting them. Most incidents have to do with the fact that people step on them because stingrays were buried in the sand. Supposedly trying to catch a worm, or hiding from a nearby shark. That could be why people get stung mostly in the ankle, foot, and lower leg. Removing the stinger from even any part of your body could cause illness, possibly even death.

Description

Do you know why some stingrays have murky coloring? It's because they have to hide in the sand to avoid sharks and whales. Their mouth is on the bottom of their body so that they can easily pick up food from the bottom of the ocean without having to turn upside down. Remora fish attach themselves to stingrays for a free ride. Without gaining anything or being hurt it is called mutualism.

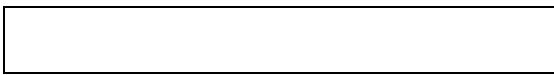
Food

Even though there is a huge variety of different types of stingrays they have almost the same diet. Which contains mostly squid, carrion, worms, and crustaceans. The stingray's mouth is on the underside of its body so that it can easily dig up shrimp and crab from under the sea bed. Their teeth are primarily

used for breaking open shells like crab and oysters. Conclusion

Stingrays are endangered from all of the pollution in the waters. From all of the oil spills. Scientists are trying to save the existence of these magnificent creatures. They have moved from the middle of the oceans to the coasts. That is why people are having more incidents with them. They are too close to shore. You can't see them with their murky color. **Boom!** One more incident.

Dolphins



Megalodon

by: Jake Kluck

Do you know what the Megalodon is? It is a prehistoric shark that lived 300 million years ago. It was a huge creature, even the biggest animal that ever lived on planet earth. It could grow from 60 to 100 feet long. The Megalodon was truly an amazing animal.

Have you ever wondered what a Megalodon looks like? It looked like a great white shark but only 100 times bigger. A Megalodon's tooth is bigger than your hand and could grow up to 7 inches. The Megalodon could grow from 60 to 100 feet long, as big as a blue whale, the biggest modern day animal. The Megalodon can grow 100 rows of teeth, with 292 teeth in each row. And it has the most bite force of any animal on the planet that ever lived.

The Megalodon was a fierce hunter. Its nickname was "T-REX of the deep". The Megalodon would eat anything in its way, but its favorite foods were seals, squids, mammoths, and their number one whales. They ate 2,500 pounds a day. A Whale was a small snack.

The Megalodon was a giant monster that needed to be in warm water to survive in. It also needed to have deep water to move around because it was so big. The Megalodon was big and had a big appetite, so it needed big fish or creatures.

Do you know how powerful the Megalodon was? If it had 24,000 to 41,000 pounds per square inch of bite force? If you had a chance to be a real life Megalodon, would you? I know I would. If any animal would battle it, the opponent will fall in defeat. Would you want to be this mysterious beast?

Loch Ness Monster

by: Cade

Rising out of the Loch is a creature. A creature with a long neck that lives in the depths of Loch Ness. A creature that many people have sighted but can't be proved real. Some sightings have been identified but some are still a mystery. This creature is the Loch Ness Monster.

The way most people describe the Loch Ness Monster is it is about the size of a car with a long neck and flippers. This describes the long extinct Plesiosaur. But the cold blooded Plesiosaur would not have survived in the

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Sumo Wrestling

by: Zach

Do you know about Sumo wrestling? It's a sport. It's different than any other sport. You're going to learn all things about sumo from A-Z, including diapers and throws.

Sumo wrestling takes place in Japan. They wrestle in a stadium. The floor of the stadium is two layers. The bottom of is made out of cement, the top is made out of sand. There is no weight limit to get in and there are all different sizes of people. Also sumo wrestlers eat two meals a day. They eat: stew, fried food, rice, hamburger and steak until they get fat.

The ring is 4.55 meters long and diameter is 15 feet. They both stomp there feet to start the match. They throw salt on the stadium floor to keep the bad spirits away for no harm. In the game there are allowed to talk. Hakkuyol means come on.

Each tournament starts at 8 30 and ends at 10:30. Each match is about 15 minutes long. The contenders do travel. There is only one rule. The first person on the ground loses the game. Before the tournament begins, there are exercises that the wrestlers have to do before the match. They are teppo moshiai, but sukall, motowari, and geiko.

Sumo is fun to watch but people get hurt. It's a lot of money to get in, but people win belts and money.

by: Payton Dobbe

I'm guessing you know that dolphins eat fish like any other ordinary sea animal, but you're wrong! Dolphins are extremely intelligent mammals. They do things you would think would take years of training. They even have their own communication! They work together like packs of wolves!

Dolphin's main food is fish, but here's some things you don't know dolphins eat baby squid, octopus, sea turtles, plankton, krill and rare marine mammals. Dolphins have a lot of food to pick from, but the only reason dolphins can catch this food is because they hunt as a pack, their communication and fast swimming also helps them hunt also.

Dolphins have a really good communication, there extremely good communication helps them hunt and socialize. Did you know dolphins do NOT communicate through their mouth they communicate through their blowhole, (which is at the top of them). They also breath through their blowhole. With good communication dolphins can pass on important information.

Dolphins are extremely intelligent and unique, there doing things you would think would take years of training, such as a wild dolphins saving people from drowning. Dolphins work like a team. Did you know people think dolphins are the second smartest animal? Dolphins are almost as smart as humans?

You don't know how smart dolphins really are. They are the king of the ocean .hunting together like packs of wolves, working together as a team. They are extremely intelligent mammals. You will never fully know dolphins.

Jackie Robinson

by: Ethan

Jack (Jackie) Roosevelt Robinson was born on jan.31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia. Jackie didn't know he was about to change

freezing cold waters of Loch Ness. Other scientists suggest it was an also extinct Archeocyte which is a whale like creature with a long neck.

The origin of the Loch Ness monster may have come from Kelpies- monsters that disguise themselves as horses and eat people that pass the Loch. The first written report took place in 565 AD. This was when St. Columba was on his way to meet the king of the Northern Picts when he saw a large creature and summoned it to go back to the water with speed.

One of the most famous hoaxes is the Surgeon's Photo. This photo appears to show a large creature with a long neck. Many years after the photo was taken it was proved a fake. What it really is ,is a toy submarine with a styrofoam head. Other photos of the Loch Ness Monster may be otters, fish, boats, or boat waves.

The Loch Ness monster lives in the Scottish lake of Loch Ness. Loch Ness is the largest freshwater lake in Scotland. It is 788 feet deep and 23 miles long. With its murky water it is very hard to see anything below the surface.

So is the Loch Ness monster real? No one knows for sure. If it is, is it a Plesiosaur or an Archaeocyte or is it a hoax? These questions can't be answered...unless someone captures it. Otherwise we will never know.

history, as he led off on third it was tied 2-2 bottom of the 9th, and the pitch Jackie goes, slides into home and he is... He played for the Brooklyn Dodgers, his number was 42. He had three brothers and 1 sister. Honestly, I think it was hard being the only sister.

When Jackie grew older he didn't just play one sport. He also played football and track. When Jackie went to play pro football, his season came to a quick end, because he was drafted into World War II. Robinson was accepted into officer candidate school. He graduated, earning his second lieutenant's nanbar. After leaving the war, Jack began to play baseball for Kansas City, and then was picked up by the Brooklyn Dodgers. He would be the first African-American to play pro baseball. But because he was African-American people didn't like him. He even received death threats.

Over the next ten years, Jackie was one of the best players in baseball history. He hit 137 home runs and 197 stolen bases. He had more stolen bases than home runs. He went to the all-star team 6 times, and was the national league MVP in 1949. Later he died of a heart attack on Oct.24, 1972 in Stamford, Connecticut.

History of Video Games

by: Caleb

In 1958 William Higinbotham made one of the first video games that had a visual display called tennis for two. He was a nuclear scientist that wanted to make his workplace fun for the visitors of his laboratory. So he created a game that involved hitting a ball back and forth using an aluminum controller. The game was a big hit. The computer he was using while working on ballistic missile trajectory project helped run the game. The game's operating system was a Donner Model 30 computer and used an oscilloscope to display the images.

Then about 24 years later in 1982, Creative Computing Magazine found out about *Tennis For Two* and published the game in their 1983 issue and called Higinbotham the father of video games. Earlier versions of games required people to overlay pictures over a screen, so there is some controversy about who is actually the first creator of the video game.

Higinbotham's invention helped with the creation of future generation consoles. In the early 1970's, the Atari 2600 was born and was an instant success! They sold over 11 million consoles and had the best games such as Tank and Pong that people could play in their own homes. Other companies tried to imitate the 2600 but didn't do very well. In fact, the competition was very tough and was rough on the entire video game industry around the Christmas season of 1977. However, Atari kept on making great games which made the company successful over the others during this rough time.

Then there was a video game crash of 1983. At the time there was way too many consoles and way too many games on the market. In fact cartridges of E.T. and Pac-Man were buried, burned, and steamrolled because no one wanted the games at the time. Almost all of the games were sent back to Atari and this was a bad sign for Atari and the video game industry as a whole. There were several additional reasons why the video game market crashed. There were also a huge amount of games as stores tried to sell games with regular products such as dog food. The games were poorly made and the game play was really bad.

Customers started to lose interest in video games. Around the same time, home computers started becoming more popular including the Altair 8800 and the Apple 1. Non-tech companies such as Quaker Oats started to operate their own video game companies and this created even more fierce competition.

Fast Fact: Did you know that Activision was the first third party developer (after Activision there were lots of third party developers)

The crash continued to get worse and games that typically sold for \$35 were selling for \$5 in the discount bins. Many companies abandoned the video game industry by either collapsing or voluntarily getting out. Many people and businesses were starting to see video games as a temporary fad. Then Nintendo helped the industry recover from the crash.

Nintendo's president and Founder Hiroshi Yamauchi thought that the reason for the video game crash was because he thought Atari allowed developers to have too much freedom and flooded the market with low quality games.

The Nintendo NES became the top selling console in the 1980's with hits like Mario and Zelda. Nintendo made sure to learn from the industry's mistakes and stopped third party developers from creating games without permission.

Fast Fact: 8 Bit Video game systems referred to units of data that were 8 bits wide.

Many other gaming systems came out in the 1980's that helped the video game industry recover. For example, the Gameboy was a portable gaming device that was very popular. It sold over 150 million systems and included the popular puzzle game Tetris. The popular competitor to the Nintendo NES was the Sega Genesis and was released in 1989. The Genesis was first called the Mega Drive and had better 16 bit graphics than the previous generation. The system included the Sonic the Hedgehog series that competed with Nintendo's Mario and the 1980's console war had begun.

Nintendo and Sega continued to battle throughout the 1980's with Nintendo continuing with Mario and Donkey Kong games. Sega was all about speed, style and flashy marketing while Nintendo focused on the quality of game play. Nintendo eventually was able to overtake Sega as the leader in the market.

Today the major consoles that compete against each other are the PlayStation 3 made by Sony, Xbox One made by Microsoft, and Wii U made by Nintendo. All of these are the latest and greatest consoles that are a modern day reflection of the games of the past. All of these consoles and games would not be possible without the brainchild of William Higinbotham and other early game developers. Without these pioneers, video games would never exist and people would be board everywhere!

France

by: Kennedy

Did you know that France takes up 212,686 square miles?

Jupiter

by: Ben

Do you want to learn about the great big planet Jupiter? Jupiter has the biggest moon in the solar system, Ganymede. Also, Jupiter has a red spot, a huge spinning storm that is over 300 years of age. Like our star the sun, if Jupiter was eighty times bigger, it would have a star! Unlike other planets Jupiter rotates so fast, the days are only ten days long.

Jupiter has more than 63 moons. And some of the moons were named after Roman gods. Jupiter has the biggest moon in the solar system, Ganymede. The great giant has three other huge moons: Io, Europa and Callistia. And Ganymede is bigger than Pluto and Mercury! Jupiter has a lot of moons, but most of them are tiny.

In the 1600's, the Great Red Spot was discovered by Robert Hooke. Jupiter's Great Red Spot has been studied for over 300 years! The Great Red Spot is pretty big, it is the size of three Earths. There might be a bigger storm some day. And it is possible the great storm will disappear some day, but Jupiter's Great Red Spot is still king.

Jupiter is a giant planet! Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system. And if Jupiter was eighty times larger, it would have been a star! Jupiter is so massive, it takes up 70 percent of the planets. Like Saturn and Uranus, Jupiter has a ring that you can not see.

Jupiter is full of awesome facts to learn about. Like all the moons, and the Great Red Spot. But there is only so many facts to learn about. And scientists are still exploring more things about Jupiter. And Jupiter is king of all the planets.

Neptune

by: Dylan

Neptune was discovered in 1846 sept. 23.

That's a lot. France is the largest country in Western Europe located between Spain and Germany.

The capital of France is Paris, it has 2.2 million people. But France has over 65.7 million people. In France people speak French and their dollar is called a Franc.

Most people live in the cities. Children start school at the age of six. The school day is from 8:30am to 4:30pm, with a two hour lunch break when they can go home. There is no school on Wednesdays. Most people who live in France eat dinner at 8:00pm.

Do you know famous places in France like the Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower is the most famous place to visit and was founded in 1889.

Because France is such a large place I would suggest getting a map. But to me, I think France is the prettiest place on Earth, don't you?

Florida

by Mary Grace Bigelow

Have you ever wondered about the hidden secrets of Florida, and the city of Orlando? Florida is a very hot place where there is no snow for Christmas. Florida is also the second most popular travel destination. The city of Orlando is one of the biggest cities in Florida. Come uncover the hidden secrets of Orlando Florida.

Predict the capital of Florida!

A: Tallahassee

B: Orlando

C: Miami

D: Tampa

The capital of Florida was chosen in 1824. The capital of Florida is Tallahassee. On March 1839, Congress appropriated \$20,000 for the erection of a new capital.

The estimated population of 2015 is 19,421,200. The estimated population of 2020 is 20,216,600. The estimations are in all of Florida State.

Florida adopted the State flag in 1900. The flag is described in these words "The seal of the state. "In the 1890s the red Cross was

Astronomers Adam and LeVerrier share the credit between the English and French. Neptune was named after the roman god of sea; Neptune .Neptune is a Jovian planet. Jovian planets are also known as gas giants. Jovian planets are almost completely out of gas! Neptune is also sub-classed as an ice giant because of its temperature and size. Neptune is made out of 3 levels: rocky core, liquid mid-level, and a gaseous outer level. Life is *technically* possible in Neptune considering adaptations of life on earth. Life in Neptune would have a ball, bullet or rocket shape. Neptune has 8 moons; Triton Nereid Despoina Thalassa Naiad Larissa Galatea and Proetus. Neptune has 3 complete very thin rings named liberty, equality, and fraternity. The temperature at the cloud layer is a FREEZING -350 degrees although it core remains hotter than the sun's surface .Neptune's moon Triton may have life on it under its frozen lakes of liquid methane. Since day of discovery, Neptune has yet to orbit the sun ONCE.

added to the flag.

Orlando is a magnificent place. If you like resorts, activities a family fun, Florida is the place for you. From pools to restaurants Florida is a spot for vacation. Florida is located in the south eastern corner of the United States. If you drive be prepared it can take more than a day.