

Trouble for Frogs

Frogs are in danger in many places. Their habitats are being destroyed as people clear land to make room for buildings, roads, and farms. Water pollution is also a serious problem that could have harmful effects on frogs. Scientists have found deformed frogs in several states and believe it could be caused by chemicals polluting ponds.

**What do you think should be done?
Write a paragraph explaining your ideas.**

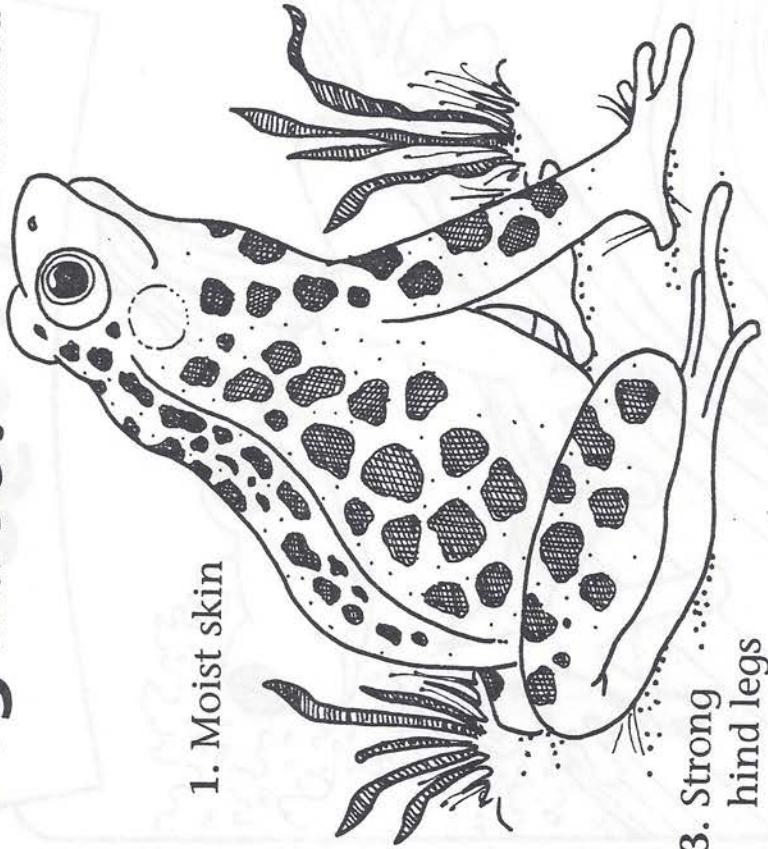
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What Does a Frog Have?

2. Nostrils and eyes on top of the head



1. Moist skin

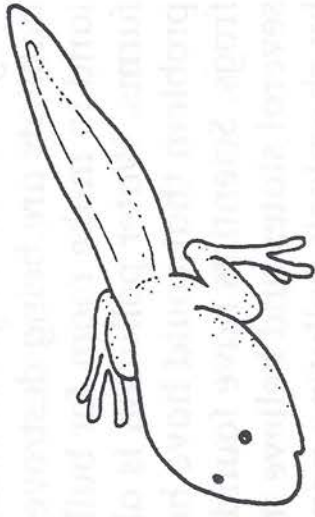
3. Strong hind legs

HOW IT HELPS THE FROG

1. A frog can breathe with its lungs, but its moist skin also takes in oxygen.
2. The frog can breathe and see while most of its body is underwater.
3. Strong hind legs allow it to jump and swim. This helps the frog when catching prey—or escaping from predators!

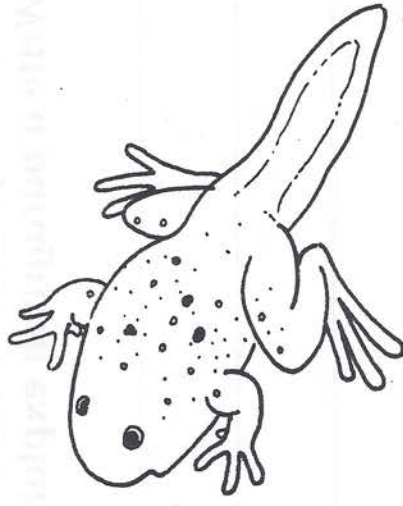
STEP 3

The tadpole has a bigger body and has grown two back legs.



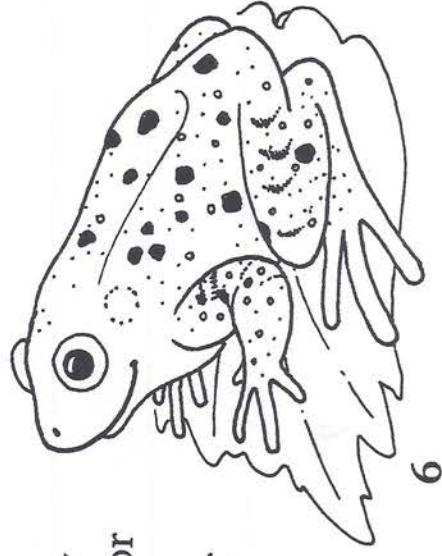
STEP 4

The tadpole now has front legs. As its legs get stronger, its tail gets shorter.



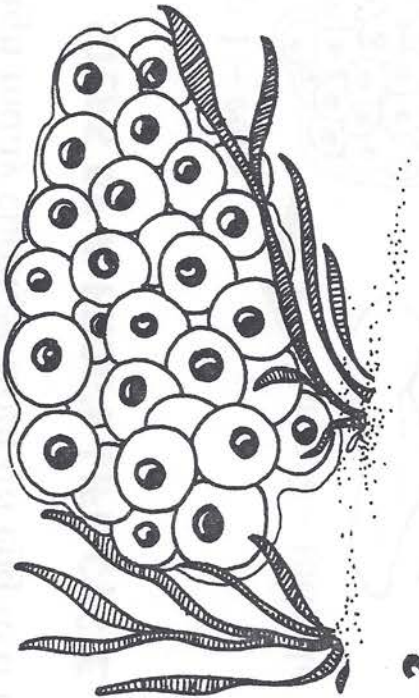
STEP 5

No more tail! The tadpole has finally become a froglet, or young frog. The froglet breathes air with its lungs and can now leave the water.



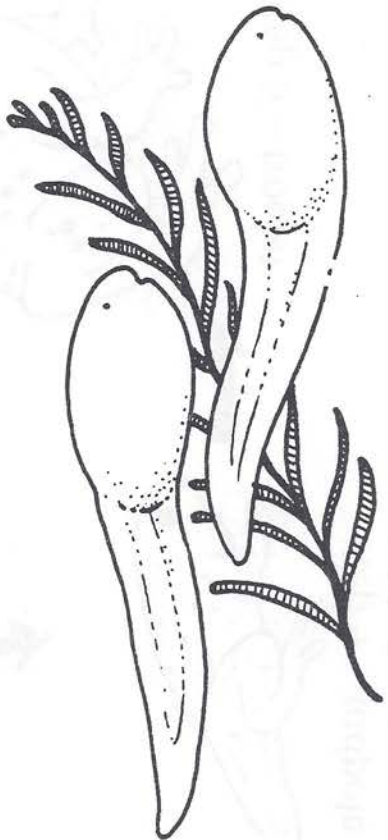
STEP 1

A frog starts life as an egg. A female frog lays hundreds of eggs in water. The eggs look like small black dots. They are covered with a jellylike coating.



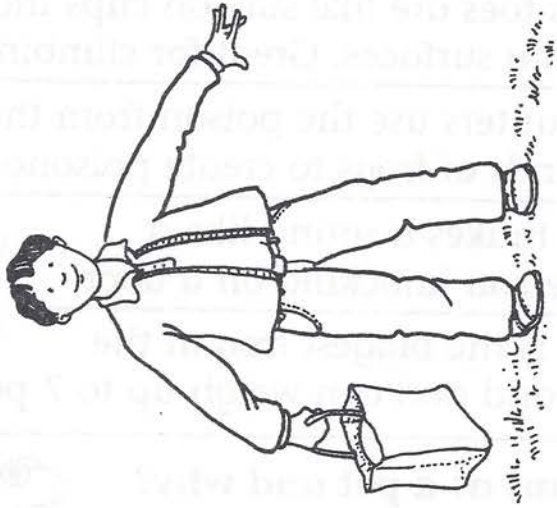
STEP 2

A tadpole hatches from the egg. It has a round body and tail for swimming. The tadpole breathes underwater with gills, like a fish. The tadpole will soon start the process of **metamorphosis**. This means it will change shape.



What Does a Person Have?

Choose three parts that help a person.
Label each one.



HOW IT HELPS THE PERSON

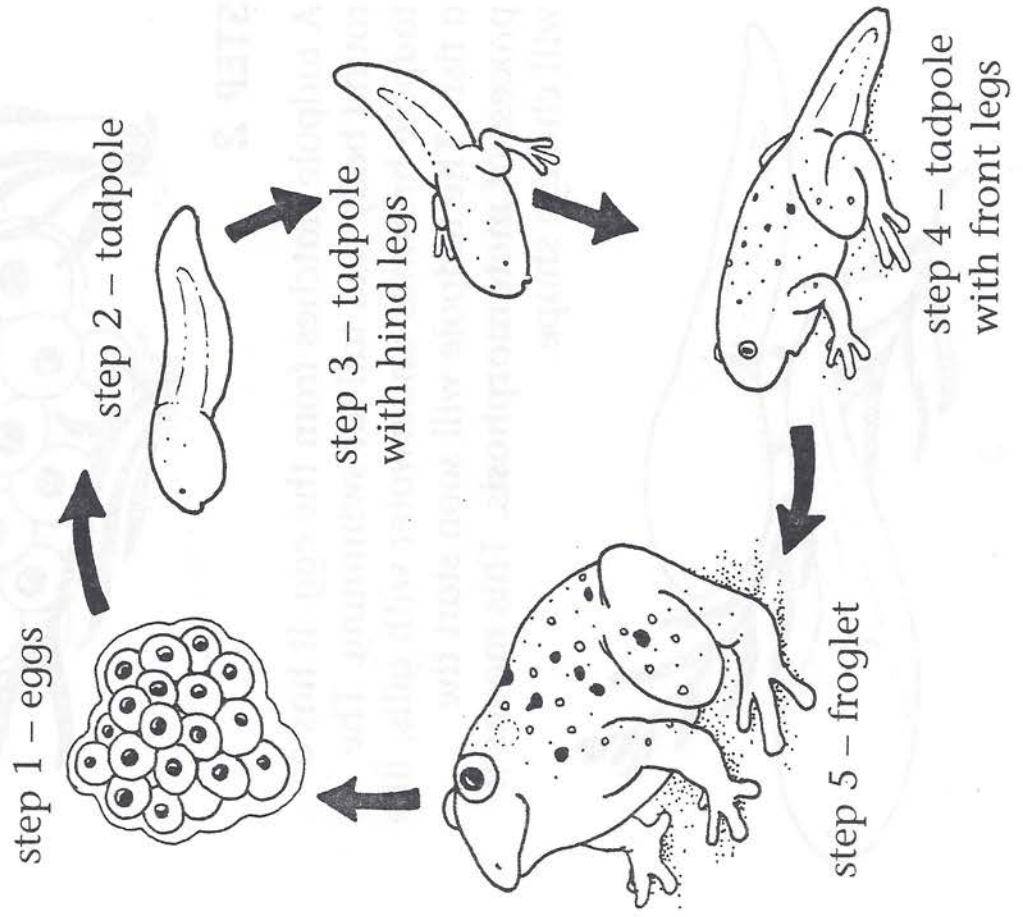
Explain how each part helps the person.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

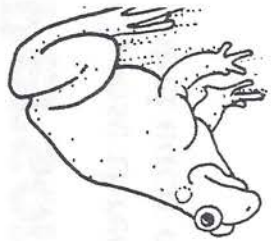
A Frog's Life Cycle

Do you know how frogs grow? They go through many changes from an egg to a frog.

STEPS OF A FROG'S LIFE CYCLE



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Which type of frog would you want as a pet and why?

Name	Home	Fun Fact
Red-Eyed Tree Frog	Central and South America	Its toes are like suction cups that stick onto surfaces. Great for climbing!
Poison Dart Frog	Central and South America	Hunters use the poison from these kinds of frogs to create poisonous darts.
Knocking Sand Frog	South Africa	It makes a sound like a person knocking on a door.
Goliath Frog	Cameroon, Africa	It is the biggest frog in the world and can weigh up to 7 pounds!



Types of Frogs