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Phonics**

Frog or Toad?

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Is a frog the same as a toad?

Frogs and toads lay eggs in ponds or streams. Toads lay eggs in a long string. Frogs lay eggs in a big clump.



Frog and toad eggs grow bigger.
They grow into tadpoles.
They look like little fish.

frog tadpole



Most toad tadpoles are darker and smaller than frog tadpoles. Growing tadpoles feed on weeds. As a tadpole gets bigger it grows legs.

toad tadpole

legs

When a tadpole grows bigger it has no tail. Tadpoles grow into little frogs and toads. Now they can hop out of the pond to feed.



little frog



little toad

All frogs have long back legs.
Long legs help frogs to hop and swim fast.
Frogs have webbed feet to help them swim.

webbed feet





A toad's legs are not as long.
Toads are slow and do not swim as much.
Toads stay still and hide.

A frog has skin that is wet and smooth.
Its wet skin shines. A frog's skin
can be bright green,
yellow or blue.



A toad has skin that is dry with bumps.
Its dry skin has no shine. A toad's skin is dull.



Frogs and toads eat
the same food.
They like to eat lots
of slugs and bugs.

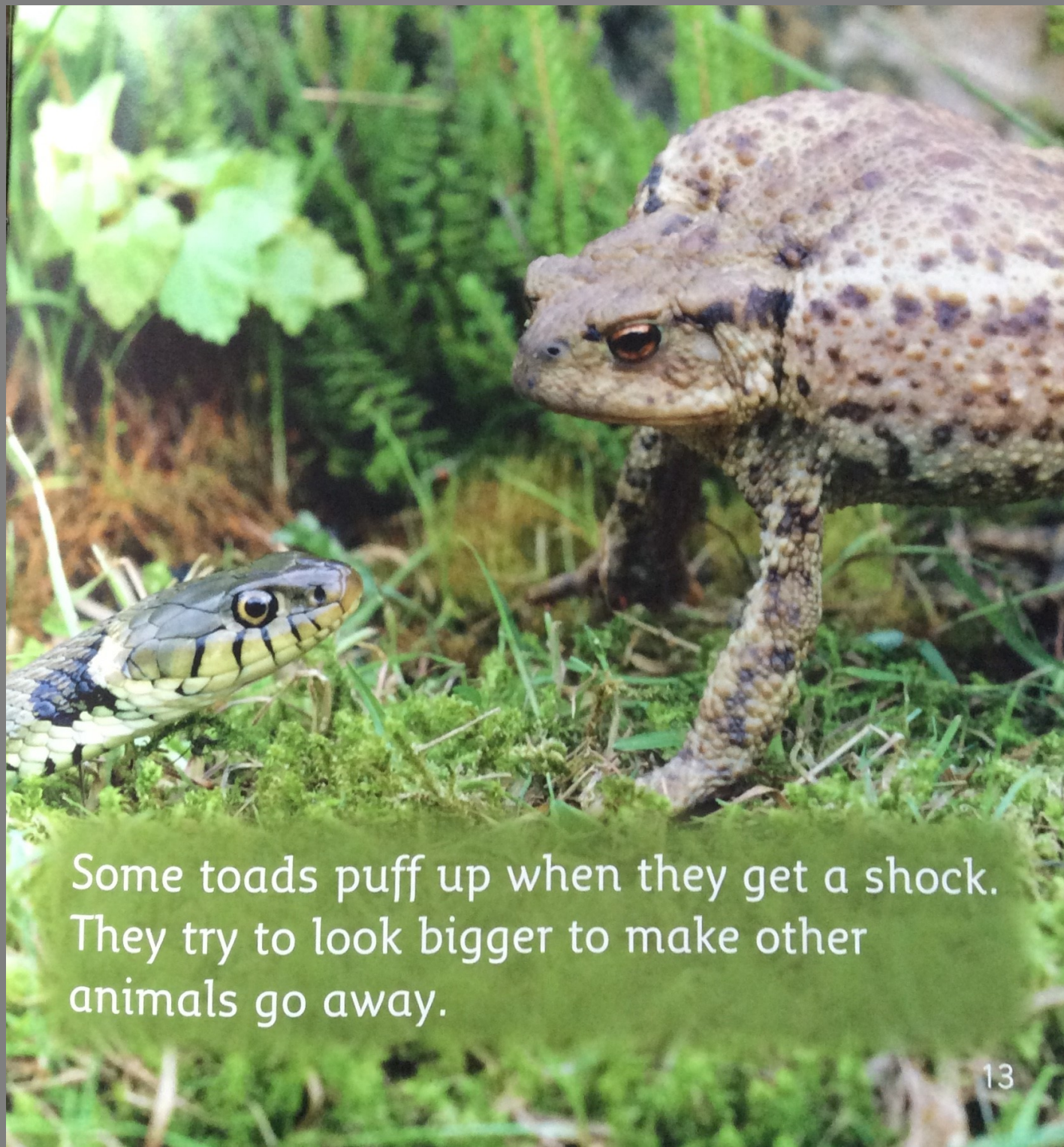


Frogs and toads feed on spiders and flies.
When a toad sees a fly it can eat, it plucks
the fly up.



Other animals can attack or eat frogs and toads. Frogs can make loud sounds. Some frogs croak. Some frogs scream when they get a fright.





Some toads puff up when they get a shock.
They try to look bigger to make other
animals go away.

A frog

wet skin
that shines

lays eggs in
a clump

long legs with
webbed feet

likes to hop
and swim

croaks and screams
when scared

A toad

dry skin
with bumps

lays eggs
in a string

shorter legs
than a frog

puffs up
when scared

likes to stay still
and hide