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Frogs



Frog Craft

CREATE YOUR OWN CUSTOM FROG PUPPET!

ATTACH THE SHAPES, EYES, ARMS, NOSE AND TONGUE TO YOUR PAPER BAG AND TURN IT INTO A PUPPET.

Suggested Reading

Frogs

by Gail Gibson

Frogs, Toads & Turtles: Take Along Guide

by Diane Burns

From Tadpole to Frog

Wendy Pfeffer

It's Mine

by Leo Lionni



Frog Activities

Can you find frogs?
Here are some of the most common frogs in Iowa. A great place to look is near ponds or marshes. You can also look for tadpoles! One more challenge can you find any frog food?

Pacific



Treefrog

Northern



Leopard

American



Toad

Gray



Treefrog

Western



Chorus

CAN YOU JUMP LIKE A FROG?

Find a tape measure and lay it out on the floor. Then use pieces of masking tape to mark out different distances frogs can jump. Then jump and see which frog you can jump closest to in one hop!

Northern Leopard Frog
64 inches

Bullfrog
83 inches

African Sharp Nosed Frog
131 inches

If I Was A Frog

Tune: Turkey in the Straw

Oh, if I was a frog, I wouldn't have a care,
I would hop on a lily pad and sit right there,
Then I'd jump in the water and I'd dive right down,
'Cause I'm an amphibian.
First I was a tadpole, and now I'm a frog,
Back then I had no legs, now I have four,
Yes, met-a-morphosis is what I did,
'Cause I'm an amphibian!

Frog Chorus!

Use these tricks to try to make the sounds of different frogs!

Western chorus frog-

Run a finger over the teeth of a comb. The harder plastic combs make a more chorus froglike sounds than a softer nylon, although either type will work.

Northern leopard frog—rub a wet hand over an inflated balloon to make it squeak.

Green frog—stretch a rubber band across a hole cut in the top of a cardboard box. First attach the rubber band to one end of the box by hooking it over a pushpin. Pluck the rubber band like a banjo string. You can vary the sound by stretching or relaxing the rubber band or by using different thicknesses of rubber bands.

American toad—make a trilling sound with your voice and your tongue.

Listen to the recordings as you are trying to mimic them, and make adjustments to try to match them more closely. Also, listen to other frog and toad calls and try to find ways to copy their songs as well.

Log on to listen to frog calls

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/kids/get-up-and-go-outside/know-your-frog-calls/>