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Amazing Amphibians

Wildlife Wednesday "Pre-Visit" Questions

Facebook Live Event on Wednesday, April 1st at Noon (EST)

Frogs, **toads**, and **salamanders** are part of the group of slimy animals called **amphibians**. All amphibians lay their **eggs** in or near the water. Some amphibians, like frogs and toads hatch from their egg as a **tadpole** before moving around on land to catch food and escape danger by jumping or hopping! Let's test your animal movements and some math and writing skills before we learn more about the amazing world of amphibians.

Green tree frog

How far can you jump? Most tree frogs can jump more than 5 feet! Can you measure 5 feet or 5 ruler-lengths? Can you jump 5 times in a row, counting each hop? 20 times?

Did you or the tree frog jump *longer*? By how much *shorter* or *longer* did you jump than a tree frog?

American Bullfrog

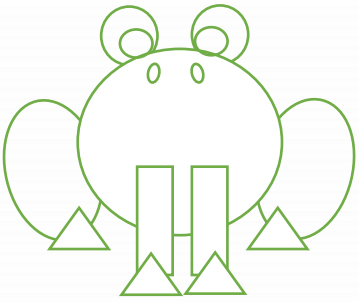
A bullfrog can jump a distance of about 10 feet. How many times do you need to jump to reach 10 feet? How much *longer* can a bullfrog jump than you?

A rabbit can jump about a 9 feet length while a chipmunk can jump about a 6 feet length. Add the distances that the rabbit and tree frog can jump together. Now add the distances that the bullfrog and chipmunk can jump together. Which pair of animals has a further combined "leap length"?

What part of the frog's body make them such good jumpers? Look closely at a frog's back legs and feet. Most frogs can jump about 20 times their body length, with some smaller frogs jumping 50 times their own length!

Let's use shapes to draw a frog. Can you make your own frog using shapes like circles, triangles, ovals, diamonds, and rectangles?

Draw your frog.



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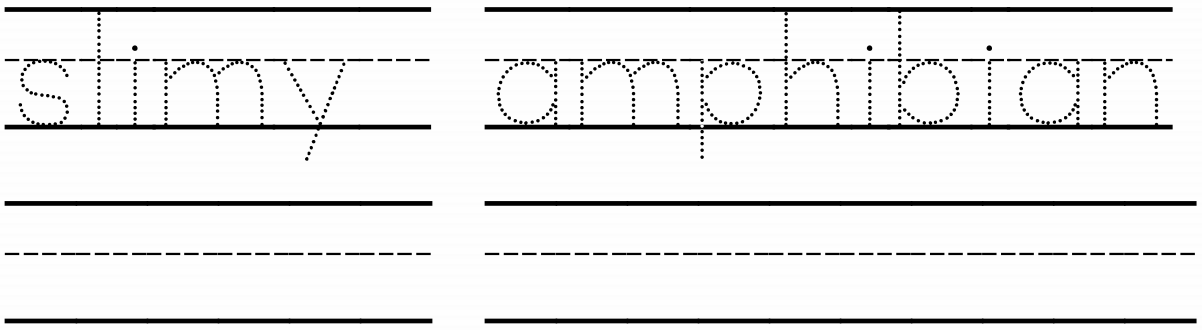
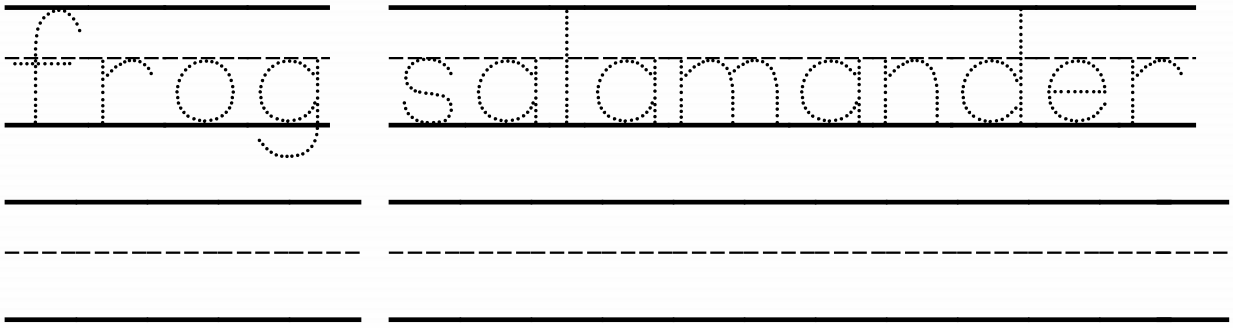
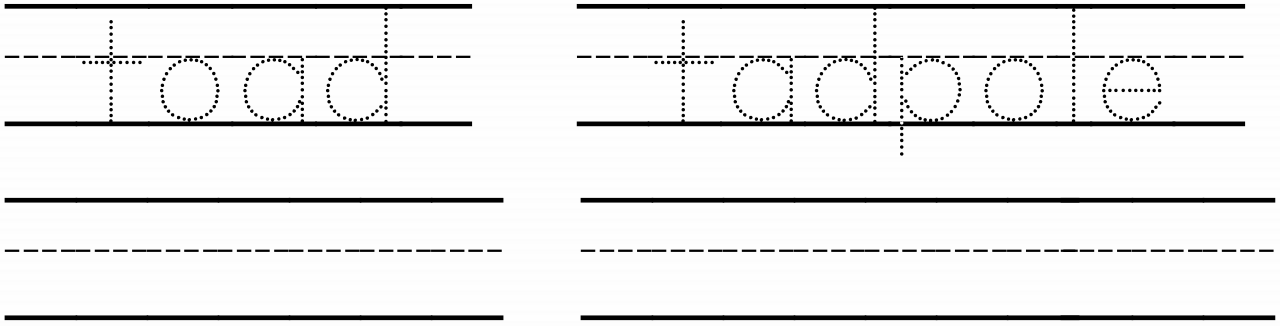
Can you trace and/or write the vocabulary words on the lines below?







Can you complete the blanks below using the word bank above?

The skin of an amphibian feels _____to the touch. Amphibians include frogs, toads, and _____. A frog hatches from a jelly-like egg and begins its life in the water as a _____.