

Frogs and Toads

What says “ribbit” and hops? A frog, or could it be a toad? Both animals hop and make a “ribbit” sound. They are alike in some ways. Frogs and toads begin as eggs in water. Slowly they turn into tadpoles. Tadpoles swim in water like fish. They look like a small black ball with a tail. As they grow, the tail gets smaller and the legs get longer. Their body also changes to look like a frog. Soon they are out of the water and hopping on land. Frogs and toads eat insects. They can see and hear well. Both animals hop or jump to move. Many people can not tell the difference between a frog and toad.

Frogs and toads are different. Frogs need to live near water. They have slimy skin and big eyes. Frogs have long hind legs and high jumps. Toads do not need to live near water. They have dry, bumpy skin. Toads have short hind legs and take small hops. Both animals live all over the world, but you will not find them in very cold places. Can you tell the difference between and frog and a toad?