

Frogs and Toads

Frogs and toads are similar in many ways. They are both amphibians, meaning their babies live in water and breath through gills whilst the adults live on land and breath air with lungs, like we do.

Frogs often catch flying insects with their sticky tongues whilst toads prefer to take on bigger prey like worms and slugs which they swallow whole!



Common Toad *Bufo bufo*



**Common Frog
*Rana temporaria***



- **Green, smooth, “slimy” skin, dark eyepatches, zebra-stripes on legs**
- **Long back legs, longer than body**
- **Hops, more than one body length**
- **More likely to be found in water year round**
- **Pelvis visible as prominent ridge two thirds of the way down its back**
- **Slightly pointy nose viewed from above**

Toads

- **Patchy brown, “warty” looking, dry skin with fewer dark markings**
- **Back legs shorter than body**
- **Prefers to crawl, can hop only one body length, gives up easily**
- **Found on dry land, only in ponds during the breeding season**
- **Pelvis not prominent**
- **Round nose profile viewed from above**

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