

An **amphibian** is an animal that begins its life in the water and then lives and or finishes it on land. The word amphibian means both sides of life.



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It has a brain, a digestive system and a nervous system. It is a cold blooded animal, so its body temperature is the same as its surrounding environment.



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During the tadpole stage, most use external gills instead of lungs to breathe. They do not usually have arms or legs and typically have fin-like limbs and a tail with which they swim like a fish.



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Frogs have long tongues that they cast out very quickly to catch food. The tip of the tongue is sticky. Once it attaches to the prey, it then rolls around the kill. The tongue then snaps back, throwing the food down the frog's throat.



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Salamanders have slender bodies, short noses, and long tails. Most have four front toes and their hind legs have five. Their moist skin usually makes them reliant on habitats in or near water, or under some type of protection like wet leaves.



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