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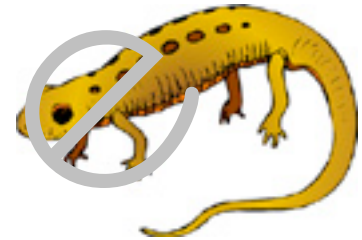
Amphibians

**There are 3,500 to 4,000 species of amphibians known to science.
They live in every part of the world except in Antarctica.**



Amphibians have backbones. Animals with backbones are called vertebrates. The word amphibian means having two lives. Most amphibians are born in water, mate and lay their eggs in water. They spend most of their adult lives on land.

There are basically five kinds of animals in the amphibian family. They are; frogs, toads, salamanders, newts, and caecilians (se sil' een). Some people cannot tell the difference between frogs and toads or salamanders and newts.



Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing words.

1. There are basically _____ kinds of animals in the amphibian family.
2. Amphibian means having _____ lives.
3. Amphibians lay their eggs in _____.
4. Some people cannot tell the difference between salamanders and _____.



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Frogs range in size from as small as a man's thumbnail to as large as a dinner plate.

Amphibians are cold-blooded animals. This means their temperature changes with the air around them. They can not cool or warm their bodies from the inside out.

When the weather gets cold, amphibians burrow into the soil or humus until the warm weather returns. This is called hibernation. Humus is dried plant material found on the floor of forests and swamps.

Many people have frogs or toads in their yards or gardens. You can tell if they are around because the males will sing or croak when it starts to get dark. Some have very pretty voices and some are just noisy.

They can be encouraged to stay by making a small cave from rocks, sticks or an up-side-down flower pot propped on a stick. Fresh water at ground level must be nearby. Make sure they are safe from any pets.

Always ask an adult first if you can make a home for a frog or toad in your yard.



Some frogs live in trees and lay their eggs in the water that collects in the branches or leaves.

Read about cold-blooded animals in books or on the Internet. Name some of the cold-blooded animals you learn about.



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Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

skin
amphibian

water
toads

salamander
eggs

tadpole
cold

