

Name _____

Read the story. Read it again. Can you find the special words in the story? Count the number of times that you see each special word and write it next to the word below.

From Egg to Bullfrog Part I

Every now and then, when we're camping by the lake, we hear a loud frog song coming from the reeds. It's not really a pretty song unless you're another big green frog! Splish! Splash! Jump, frog, jump! Where did they come from?

These summertime singers are born by themselves in the spring, hatching from tiny eggs that their mother frog laid in the reeds. Mother frogs don't stay around to take care of their babies, so every tiny little tadpole wiggles out of an egg all by itself. Every one is not much bigger than the end of your pencil. That's pretty small! They have no legs, no eyes, and no mouth!

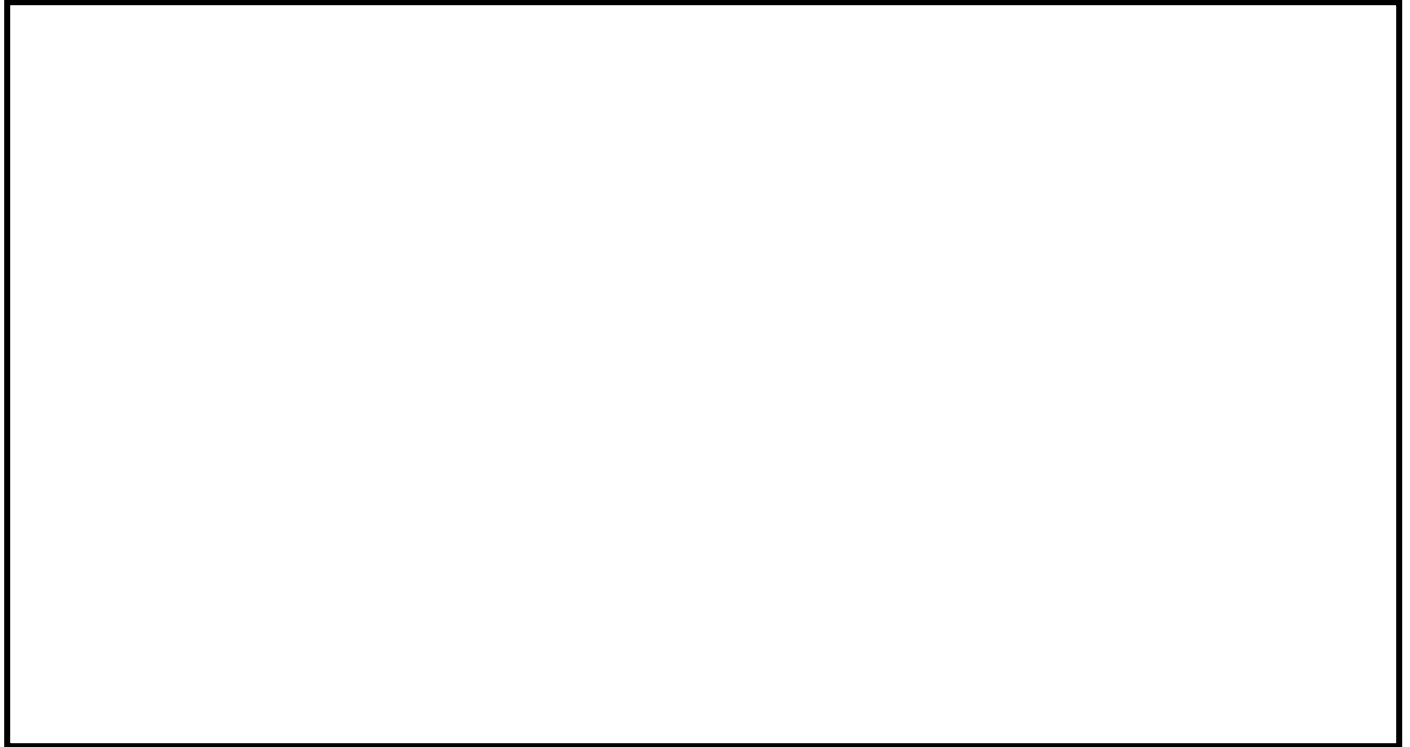
They soon develop gills for breathing and their eyes and mouths. What do tadpoles eat? How do they eat? They nibble on plants with a tiny tooth-beak as they start swimming around the lake or pond. They eat all summer and during the fall, but they have to hide from every beetle and duck that would like to have them for lunch!

Next, every tiny tadpole swims down to the muddy bottom and sleeps all winter. That's a pretty long time, isn't it?

They wake up in the spring and eat and eat and eat some more. They sleep through their second winter. In the spring, when they are two years old, some pretty strange things begin to happen. They grow four legs, front and back, and their gills change to lungs. Their mouths grow wider and a great, big, sticky tongue grows inside. We all know what that is for! What's next? Read part two to find out.

every _____ pretty _____ jump _____ green _____ four _____

Draw a picture of what the lake, the reeds, and the tiny little eggs look like in the spring.



Fill in the Blanks

Read each sentence below. Circle the missing word and write it in the space.

1.	_____	bullfrogs sing a	_____	song .
	green grin		part pretty	

2.	_____	tadpole sleeps for a	_____	long time!
	ever every		pretty part	

3.	_____	legs help them	_____	.
	four for		jam jump	

Yes or No?

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| 1. Do frog eggs hatch in the summer? | yes | no |
| 2. Is the mother frog a good parent? | yes | no |
| 3. Are the baby frogs called tadpoles? | yes | no |
| 4. Do they sleep all winter? | yes | no |
| 5. Do they have to hide from beetles and ducks? | yes | no |

It's a Match!

Draw a line to connect the naming part of the sentence with the action part of the sentence. Read them to yourself to make sure that they make sense. The first one is done for you.

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| Bullfrogs | is the time for growing tadpoles to sleep. |
| They | are born in the spring. |
| Mother frog | begin to happen when they are two. |
| The tadpoles | wiggle out of their eggs. |
| Winter | does not stay to take care of them. |
| Strange things | eat all summer and during the fall. |

Where does the mother frog lay her eggs?

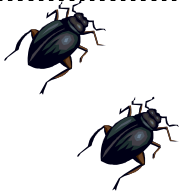



What time of the year do they hatch?

What do the tadpoles eat?

When do they eat?

What do they have to hide from?

When do they sleep?

winter		summer		spring
		fall		

What's Next?

Soon they grow gills, eyes and mouths.

When winter comes, the tadpoles sleep for a long time.

They wake up, eat some more and go to sleep for the next winter.

Tadpoles wiggle out of their eggs in the spring.

They eat all summer and during the fall.