

## Facts About Frogs and Toads

**(Story word: warts)**

In reality, toads are a kind of frog, but there are many things that are different between frogs and toads.

The skin of a frog is wet, smooth, slick, and slimy, and frogs stay close to the water. A toad's skin is dry and bumpy. Toads look like they have warts, and some people used to say that people got warts from handling toads, but this is not the case. If you are hiking on a dry path or walking on pavement and you spy something hopping, you are likely seeing a toad and not a frog.

Toads stay on the ground and have shorter legs. Frogs have longer legs, and they can hop from tree to tree.

Frogs and toads eat similar things: spiders, slugs, insects, and flies. And both frogs and toads mate by laying eggs in or near water. The tadpoles of toads will be plain black,

but the tadpoles of frogs will be lighter and have gold flecks.

A group of frogs is called an army of frogs, and a group of toads is called a knot or nest of toads.