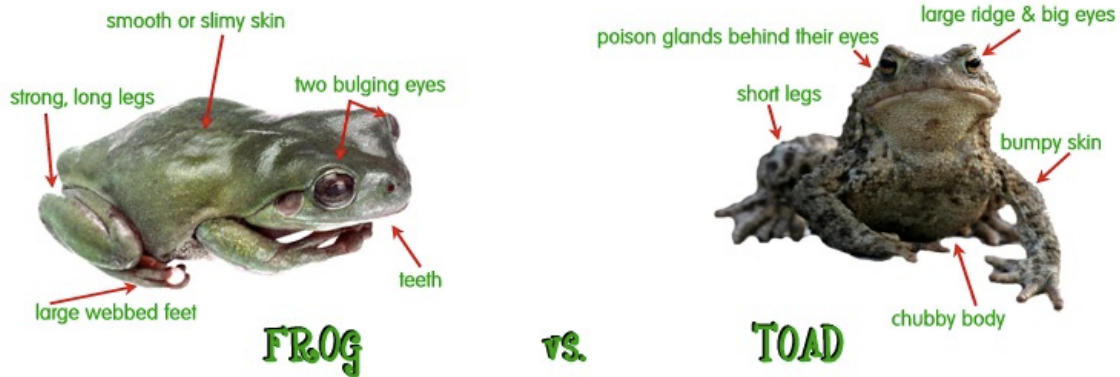


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Frogs and toads actually have more in common than they have in differences. Though frogs and toads are different species, they both belong to the same family. Both are amphibians, and both like the water, though frogs spend a larger portion of their lives in water. Both frogs and toads hop away from their water home, however, toads may hop farther from the water source and are frequent visitors to people's gardens.

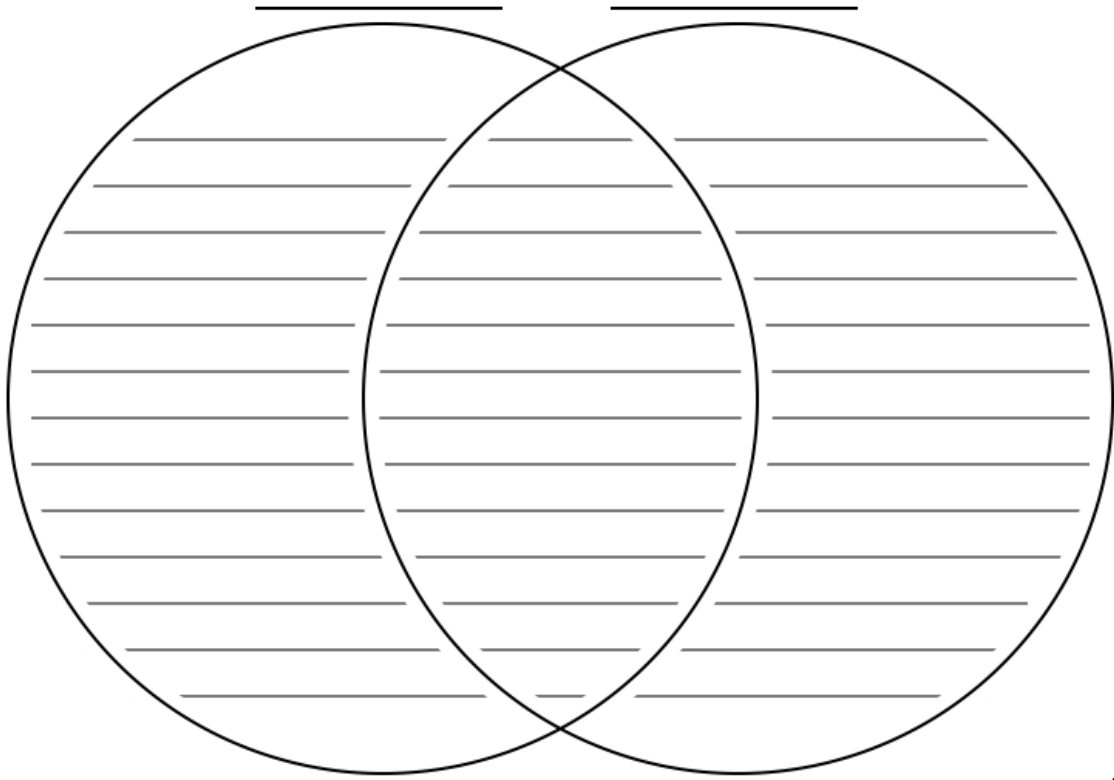
One way that frogs and toads differ is in their skin texture. The toad tends to have dry, bumpy, and possibly warty skin texture, while the frog has smooth skin. A frog pulled out of the water tends to feel relatively slimy or velvety, depending on whether you're talking to a fan of frogs. The expression 'slimy toad' really doesn't make much sense, since toads simply do not feel slimy to the touch, frogs do.

Another difference between the frog and the toad is the location of poison sacs behind the eyes of the toad. Toads have these poison sacs, but frogs do not. Some frogs are poisonous to the touch, for example, the poison dart frog of South America. Handling these cute, red frogs is not recommended, though it would be unlikely to cause death.

Animals often discover that biting a toad is highly unpleasant. Dogs frequently bite toads found in yards and get a dose of poison from the toad's eye region. If you see a dog bite something on the ground and start foaming at the mouth immediately, chances are he has tried to snack on a toad. Usually this poison is not significant enough to do more than disgust the animal for a few hours.

The toad tends to have a shorter body, and its legs are often described as stubby or muscular. Frogs, on the other hand, tend to have longer legs, and can be distinguished from the toad by their webbed back feet. The frog's eyes tend to protrude, or sticking out, which differs from a toad's eyes, which are more, recessed, or sunken in.

A similarity between toads and frogs is that most toads lay eggs just like frogs, but if you encounter a clutch of frog or toad eggs, you can usually tell them apart by the clustering. Frog eggs are laid in tight circular batches. In contrast, toad eggs are usually laid in long strings.



What are two ways that frogs and toads are similar? Explain your answer using two details from the text.
