



# What's An Amphibian?



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What's an amphibian, what's an amphibian?  
Frogs and salamanders with special slimy skin  
They can drink up water through it, and breathe in oxygen  
That's an amphibian, that's an amphibian  
Taking about amphibians, about amphibians

## Verse 1

Salamanders are amphibians with a tail  
Please don't call them lizards, because they're not a scaly reptile!  
You can find them out on rainy days or swimming in a pond  
You might even find them in your backyard underneath a log!

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## Verse 2

Frogs have legs for jumping and webbed toes for swimming around  
They don't just sing about rainbows and play the banjo all day long  
Look for them in lakes and pools and when you're in the woods  
They like to stay close to water, just like a froggy should!

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### **Bridge**

Here's something that not everybody knows  
They ask me, what's a frog and what's a toad?  
Well, toads are just one family of frogs  
With warty bumpy skin, and stubby legs that aren't too long!

### **Verse 3**

Amphibians like to lay their eggs in water, yes indeed  
Because their ooey gooey eggs would dry out on the land, don't you see?  
Those tadpoles hatch and swim around, but please do not forget  
That they'll turn into adults with the magic of metamorphosis!

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