Frog Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:
Frog questions worksheet (pages 2-3)
18 frog fact cards (pages 4-8)
Tape and scissors

Preparation
Print the frog fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the frog questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 frog fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the sides of student desks, or wherever you like.

Activity

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don’t be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it’s more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- laying flat on the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher’s chair
- on the side of your computer monitor

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they’re done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.
Frogs, toads, and salamanders are amphibians. The word amphibian comes from the Greek language. It means “two lives”.

A mother frog can lay thousands of eggs at one time. Frog eggs are not hard like bird eggs. They are wet, soft, and squishy. They feel like jelly.

When a frog hatches from an egg it is a tadpole. Tadpoles do not breath air. They have gills that let them breathe underwater.

When a tadpoles become older, they grow back legs. After that, tiny front legs appear.
Frogs are cold-blooded which means that their bodies are the same temperature as the air or water around them.

When tadpoles grow into adult frogs, they lose their tail and gills. They no longer breathe underwater. They grow lungs that breathe air.

Frogs live in lakes and ponds. They prefer water that is calm and does not move much. Frogs can not live in saltwater, so you'll never find them in the ocean.

Adult frogs are carnivores, which means they eat other animals. Most frogs only eat live animals.
Frogs don't need to drink water. They can absorb it through their skin.

To help them catch food, frogs have a long, sticky tongue.

The largest frog species in the world is the Goliath Frog. It is about a foot long and weighs about 7 pounds!

Frogs have smooth, wet skin.

Toads have rough, dry skin.
The Poison Dart Frog lives in South America. It is the most dangerous frog in the world. Animals and people can be killed simply by touching its skin.

A scientist who studies frogs and other amphibians is called a herpetologist.

Most of the world's most poisonous frogs have brightly-colored skin. This warns enemies that they are dangerous to eat.

Frogs live on every continent except Antarctica.
Frogs have small teeth on the upper edge of their jaw. They do not use the teeth to chew. They swallow their food whole, but use their teeth to hold food in place before swallowing.

The changes in a frog throughout its life is called metamorphosis.
Frog Scavenger Hunt

Fact Card 1: Name three animals that are amphibians.
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Fact Card 2: What do frog eggs feel like?
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Fact Card 3: What do tadpoles have that allows them to breathe underwater?
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Fact Card 4: Do a tadpole's front legs or back legs appear first?
__________________________________________________________________

Fact Card 5: What do adult frogs have that allows them to breathe air?
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Fact Card 6: What does cold-blooded mean?
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Fact Card 7: Why don't frogs live in the ocean?
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Fact Card 8: Are adult frogs herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores?
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Fact Card 9: How does a frog's tongue feel?
__________________________________________________________________

Name: ____________________________
Fact Card 10: What is the largest species of frog in the world?

Fact Card 11: How does a toad’s skin feel?

Fact Card 12: Why don’t frogs need to drink water?

Fact Card 13: What is the most poisonous frog in the world?

Fact Card 14: What is a herpetologist?

Fact Card 15: Why do many poisonous frogs have brightly-colored skin?

Fact Card 16: Name all on the continents on which frogs live.

Fact Card 17: What are the changes through a frog’s life called?

Fact Card 18: What do frogs use their teeth for?
### Frog Scavenger Hunt

**Fact Card 1:** Name three animals that are amphibians.

- **frogs, toads, and salamanders**

**Fact Card 2:** What do frog eggs feel like?

- **wet, soft, and squishy**

**Fact Card 3:** What do tadpoles have that allows them to breathe underwater?

- **gills**

**Fact Card 4:** Do a tadpole’s front legs or back legs appear first?

- **back legs**

**Fact Card 7:** Why don’t frogs live in the ocean?

- **They can’t live in salt water. (Also accept: They prefer calm water.)**

**Fact Card 8:** Are adult frogs herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores?

- **carnivores**

**Fact Card 9:** How does a frog’s tongue feel?

- **sticky**
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