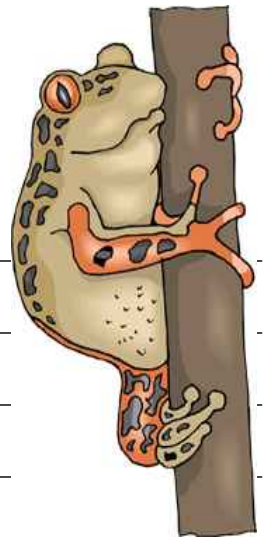


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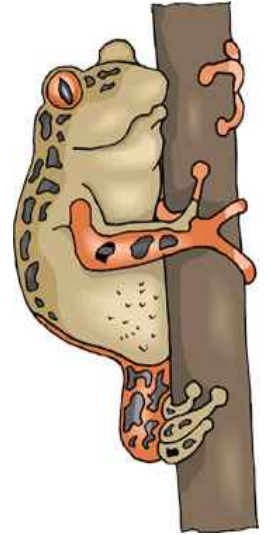
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ANSWER KEY

Vertebrate Thinking Questions



1. Why isn't a frog a reptile? Give specific reasons.

Frogs are amphibians. They do not have scales.
They do not lay eggs on land like reptiles.
Frogs go through metamorphosis (egg-tadpole-adult) and reptiles do not.

2. Can a dolphin drown in the ocean? Explain.

Yes, a dolphin can drown in the ocean. Dolphins are mammals, which means they have lungs and breathe air. Even though dolphins can hold their breath for a long time, they can't stay underwater forever without

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Hannah is correct. Mammals and birds are the only warm-blooded animals.

Mammal mothers provide milk for their young. Birds incubate their eggs to hatch them.
Mammals and birds usually stay with their mothers for awhile before going off on their own.

Most reptiles, amphibians, and fish simply lay their eggs and leave. They never see or interact with their young. (There are some exceptions. Alligators sometimes protect young.)