

# Rhymes - Speckled Frogs

## 5 Little Speckled Frogs

### Introduction

This is a great rhyme to sing together...



**5 little speckled frogs, sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs – yum, yum!  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,  
Now there are 4 green speckled frogs**



## Fantastic Frog Facts

There are more than 5,000 species of frog.

Some frogs can jump over 20 times their own body length. (Try to work out how far 20 times the length of a child could be.)

Frogs don't drink water, they absorb it through their skin.



### Activities

Sing the rhyme together and act it out using any props you have available. The log might be a chair, a cushion or a piece of wood outside. You might make the frogs by drawing and cutting them out, or they could be rolled up socks or a selection of cuddly toys.

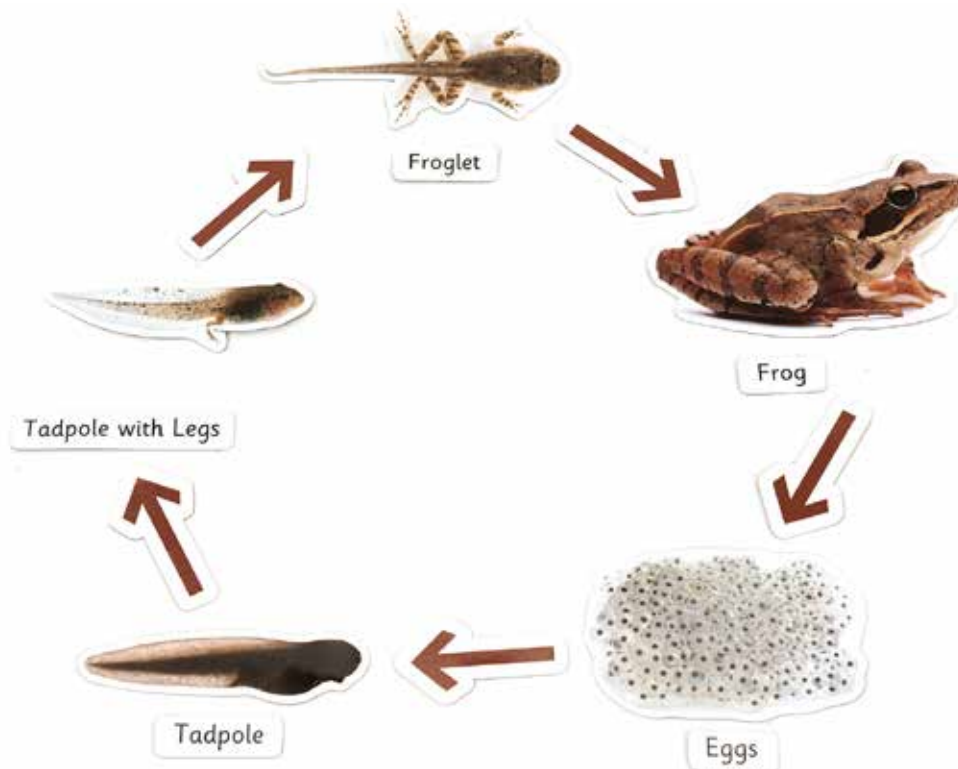


The rhyme is helpful for children's understanding of subtraction and what happens when you take away one item at a time. Using your props, extend their understanding by asking questions such as; "How many frogs would be left if 2 jumped in at the same time?" "What about if 4 more frogs hopped on the log?" etc.

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Learn about the life cycle of a frog...



The life cycle of frogs is especially fascinating because they undergo a complete metamorphosis from eggs to tadpoles to frogs.

**Eggs** Also called frogspawn. Frogs lay lots of these because many will not survive.

**Tadpoles** After 1 – 3 weeks the eggs hatch into tadpoles.  
At around 6 weeks they grow back legs.  
At around 9 weeks they grow front legs.

**Froglets** At about 12 weeks, they look like small frogs. They can leave the water and soon become fully grown.

Describe how tadpoles move. They are quick, rapid, speedy, fast; they wriggle and dart about. Try to imitate a tadpole!

What about frogs? They jump, using their back legs. Try to jump like a frog!

You might draw the life cycle together and label it.

## Read about frogs

There are many great books about frogs. A few wonderful examples are: **'Oi Frog'** by Kes Gray, **'The Frog Prince'** – a traditional tale, **'The Story of the Dancing Frog'** by Quentin Blake and **'Grumpy Frog'** by Ed Vere. You could make up your own frog stories.