



Amphibian Trivia

1. What is the name of the stage between a tadpole and a frog called when the tadpole has legs or a frog has a tail?
 - A. Tadpole Grande
 - B. Froglet
 - C. Tween
2. Which frog stays as a tadpole the longest?
 - A. Green Frog
 - B. Wood Frog
 - C. Bullfrog
 - D. Spring Peeper
3. What do you call a green frog that is missing its yellow pigment?
 - A. Green Frog
 - B. Bullfrog
 - C. Spring Peeper
 - D. Wood Frog
4. What frog sounds like a duck?
 - A. Green Frog
 - B. Bullfrog
 - C. Spring Peeper
 - D. Wood Frog
5. What do you call the juvenile version of the Red Spotted Newt?
 - A. Baby Newt
 - B. Spotty
 - C. Red Eft
6. What is the best way to see a Yellow Spotted Salamander?
 - A. On a warm rainy spring night as he or she travels to a vernal pool to mate.
 - B. By throwing them a birthday party.
 - C. Wearing goggles underwater.
7. Which of the following amphibians have teeth?
 - A. Frogs
 - B. Toads
 - C. Salamanders
8. What is the largest salamander you might find in Vermont?
 - A. Slimekitten
 - B. Mudpuppy
 - C. Squishtoe
9. What is it called when male salamanders gather in preparation for mating?
 - A. Congressing
 - B. Senatoring
 - C. House of Lording

Amphibian Trivia Answer Key

1. Answer B, Froglet.
2. Both the Bullfrog and Green Frog stay a tadpole for 1-2 years. A Spring Peeper is a tadpole for 2-4 months and the quickest is a Wood Frog at 1-2 months, who must go through metamorphosis before their vernal pool where they are born dries up.
3. You still call it a "green frog", but every now and then there is a Green Frog that lacks its yellow pigment and is a bright blue in color!
4. Answer D, Wood Frogs sound like a duck. Green Frogs twang like a rubber band. Bull Frogs say a deep "jug-o-rum". Spring Peepers have high pitched peeps.
5. Answer C, Red Efts are little, orange salamanders you might find in the woods on a cool wet day. When they grow up, they move to the water and turn into Red Spotted Newts.
6. Answer A, Yellow Spotted Salamanders are a type of Mole Salamander. They spend almost all their life under rocks, leaf litter, and underground. They only come for a brief period during the spring as they travel to a vernal pool to mate.
7. Answers A and C, Frogs usually have small teeth in their upper jaw, while salamanders have teeth in both of their upper and lower jaws. Tadpoles even have teeth. Toads have no teeth.
8. Answer B, though not widespread, Mudpuppies may be found in Vermont and average 13 inches long when mature.
9. Answer A, Salamanders don't have calls like frogs and toads do, but instead the males of species, such as the Yellow Spotted Salamander, will "congress" in a vernal pool.