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Amphibian or Reptile?

Are snakes and frogs related? This is a common question. Both are types of animals, but their physical appearance makes them very different. Reptiles, like snakes, and amphibians like frogs are distantly related, but are definitely not the same.

Amphibians have two major life stages. The first stage is often spent in the water with gills, while the second stage is spent on land. Think of a frog that is hatched from an egg in the water as a tadpole. It must live in the water until it develops into a small frog that can survive on land, but must be near water to stay wet and prevent their skin from drying out. Amphibians are cold blooded and vertebrates, which means they have backbones.



Reptiles are animals that have scales, breathe air, and usually lay eggs. Most reptiles live on land. Some reptiles include turtles, snakes, and lizards. Reptiles are born with lungs, while amphibians are born with gills and develop lungs in time. Reptiles are cold blooded. Reptiles have nails and teeth and some have venom as forms of protection.

Put an X in the correct box.

	Reptiles	Amphibians	Both
Have scales			
Develop lungs over time			
Have teeth and nails			
Cold blooded			
Must live near water			
Start in eggs			