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The Goliath frog is the biggest frog in the world. Its body can be one foot in length.

The Surinam toad lays eggs and her mate plasters them on her back. The eggs sink in and the mother’s skin grows over them. The eggs develop in these pouches and the babies hatch out in water.

When male bullfrogs call, this lets other bullfrogs know where they are. Males don’t let other male bullfrogs come on their patch of land or territory. Can you see what happens when one does?

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Most snakes in the U.S. are completely harmless. There are precautions you can take if dangerous snakes are nearby. Read "How to Get Bitten by a Snake" to learn what NOT to do!

FIND three different places where amphibians lay their eggs to prevent them from drying out.

FIND 5 things it eats. Hint: look in and out of the water. Even in the air!

LOOK at the lizards on the rocks. See how they change their body positions to heat up or cool down depending on the sunshine. Where do you sit in summer to stay cool? What about winter?

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