

# **Amphibians**

An amphibian is an animal that lives part of its life in water and part of its life on land. Amphibians are cold-blooded. Cold-blooded means that if the air or water is cold, the amphibian's blood is cool, and if the air or water is warm, the amphibian's blood is warm. Amphibians have backbones. Most amphibians have smooth, moist skin and no scales, hair or feathers. Most amphibians hatch from eggs laid in the water or a moist area and begin to develop there. Then amphibians do a fascinating thing – they change form as they grow into adults. This change is called metamorphosis. During this stage, young amphibians grow legs and develop lungs so that they can live and breathe out of water.