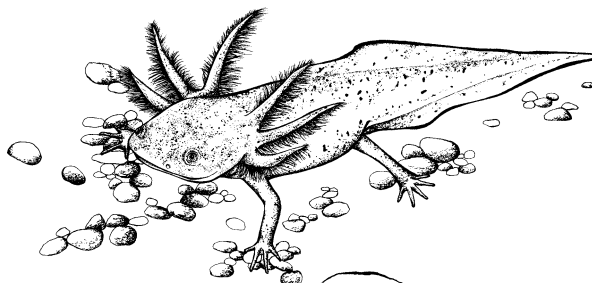


Leading a Double Life

Frogs, toads, and salamanders are amphibians. **Amphibian** means double life. These animals lead two lives. When young, they live in the water and breathe through gills. As adults, they can live on land and breathe with lungs.

Young frogs and toads are called tadpoles. A tadpole has a large head and body with a tail. At first, the tadpole does not have legs. The back legs grow first. Then, the front legs grow. The tadpole's tail disappears. The tadpole is now a frog or a toad!

Frogs have smooth skin. They need to keep their skin moist, and they stay near water. Toads have



bumpy skin. They can be away from water longer.

Young salamanders look very different from tadpoles. They have feathery gills on the outside of their bodies. Young salamanders have front legs. As they get older, they look similar to adults with the exception of their gills.

