

Before starting Amphibians, 2 videos on fishes:

hagfish slime (40sec):

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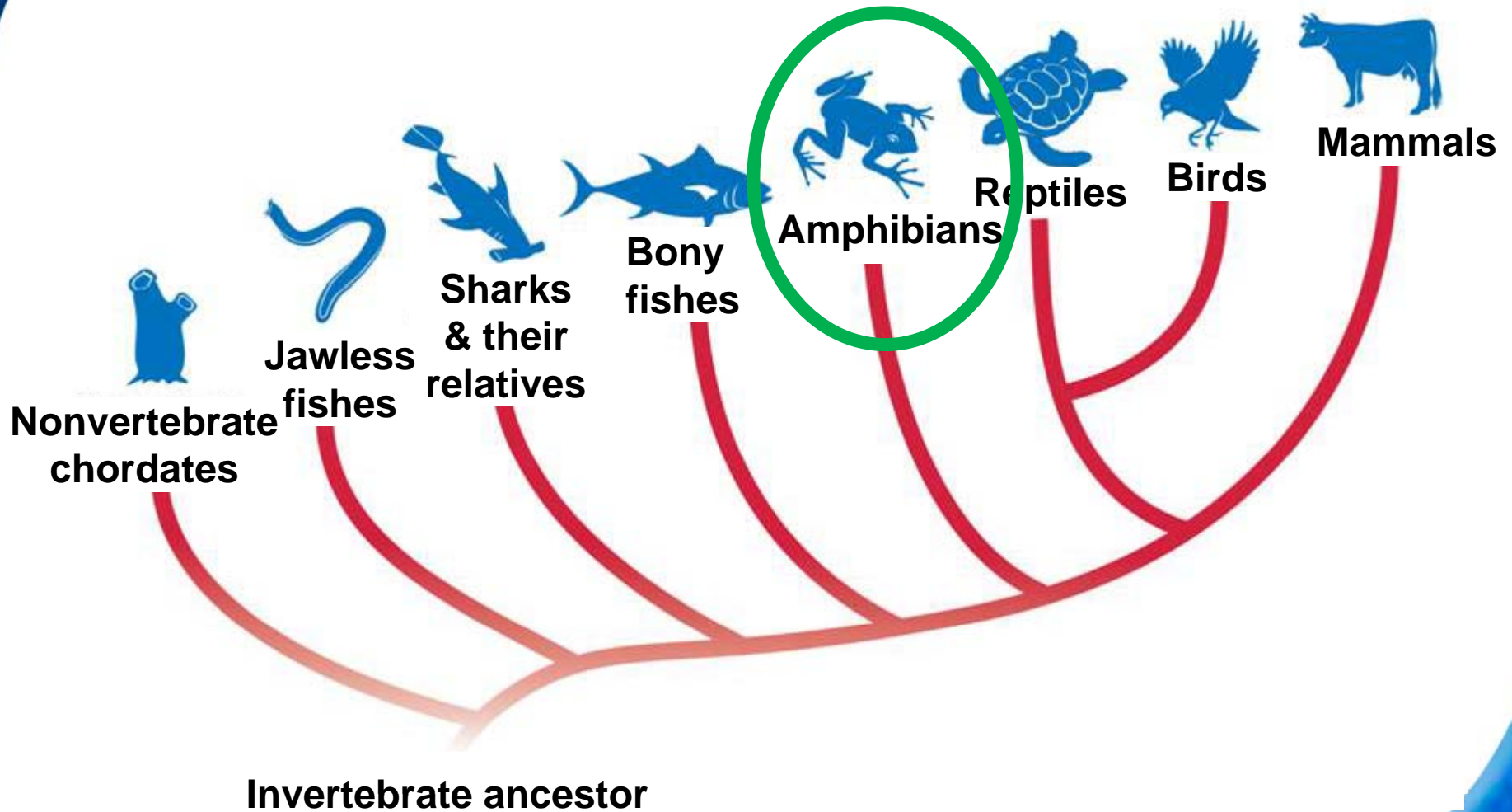
Lamprey, paddlefish parasites (3min):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzZao6SVMyc>

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Phylogeny of Chordates



What Is an Amphibian?

- The word amphibian means “double life” – they live both in **water** and on **land**.
- The **larvae** are fishlike aquatic animals that respire using **gills**.
- The **adults** are usually terrestrial that respire using **lungs** and skin.
- Adults have moist skin that contains mucous glands, lacks scales and claws.

Form and Function in Amphibians

The class **Amphibia** is relatively small and diverse.



Form and Function of Amphibians

- Feeding
- Respiration
- Circulation
- Excretion
- Reproduction
- Movement
- Response

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Feeding p784

- Ex. Frog

Tadpole – filter feeders or herbivores that graze on algae – long coiled intestine.

tadpole long coiled intestine

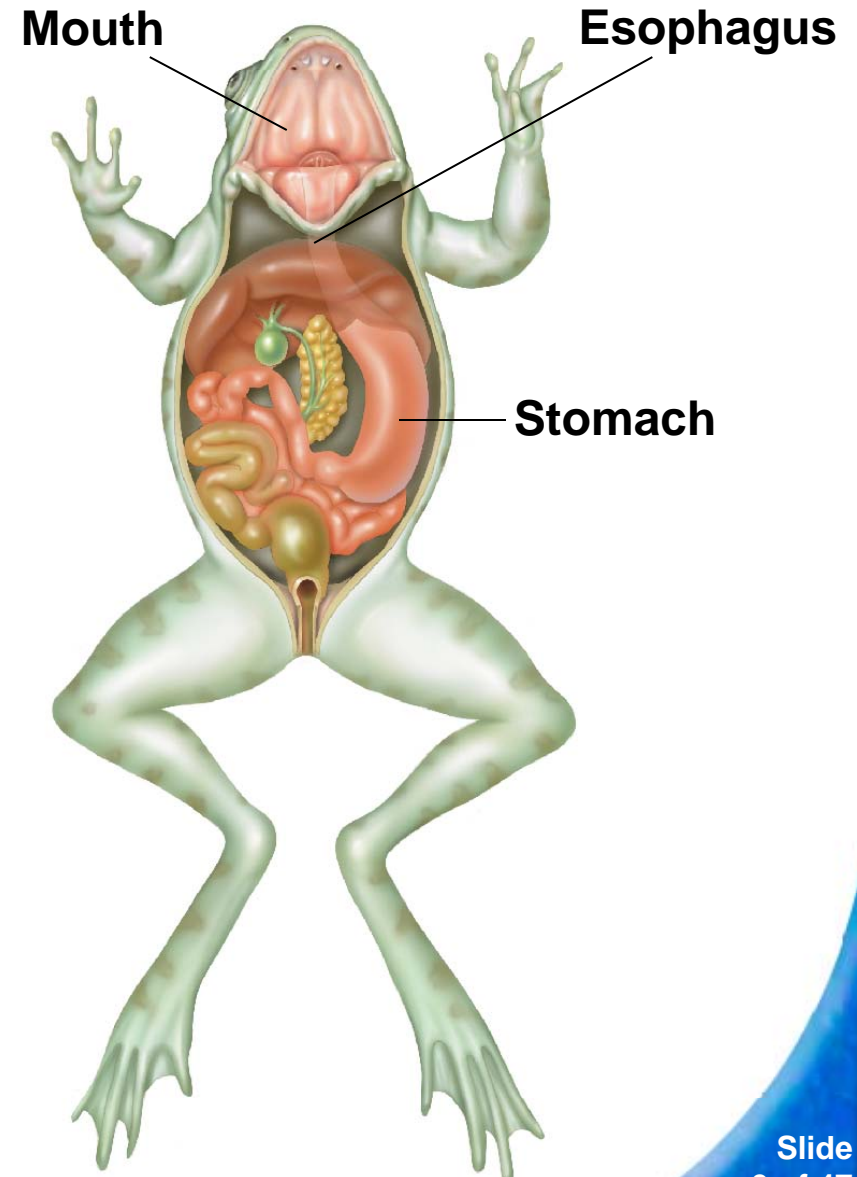


Frog adult – carnivores – much shorter intestine.

Adult amphibians tend to be carnivorous.

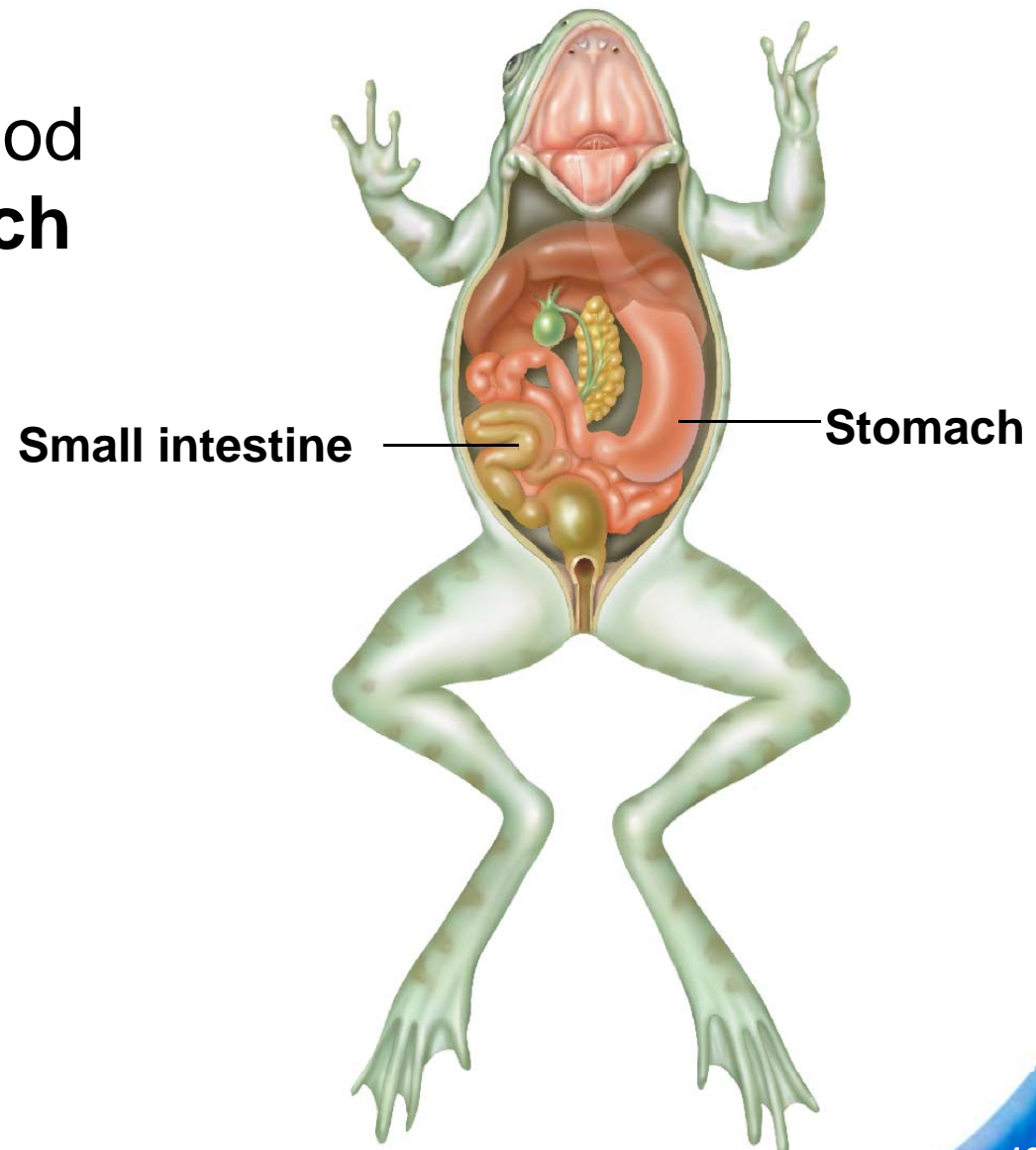
Frog digestive system

In a frog's digestive system, food slides down the **esophagus** into the **stomach**.



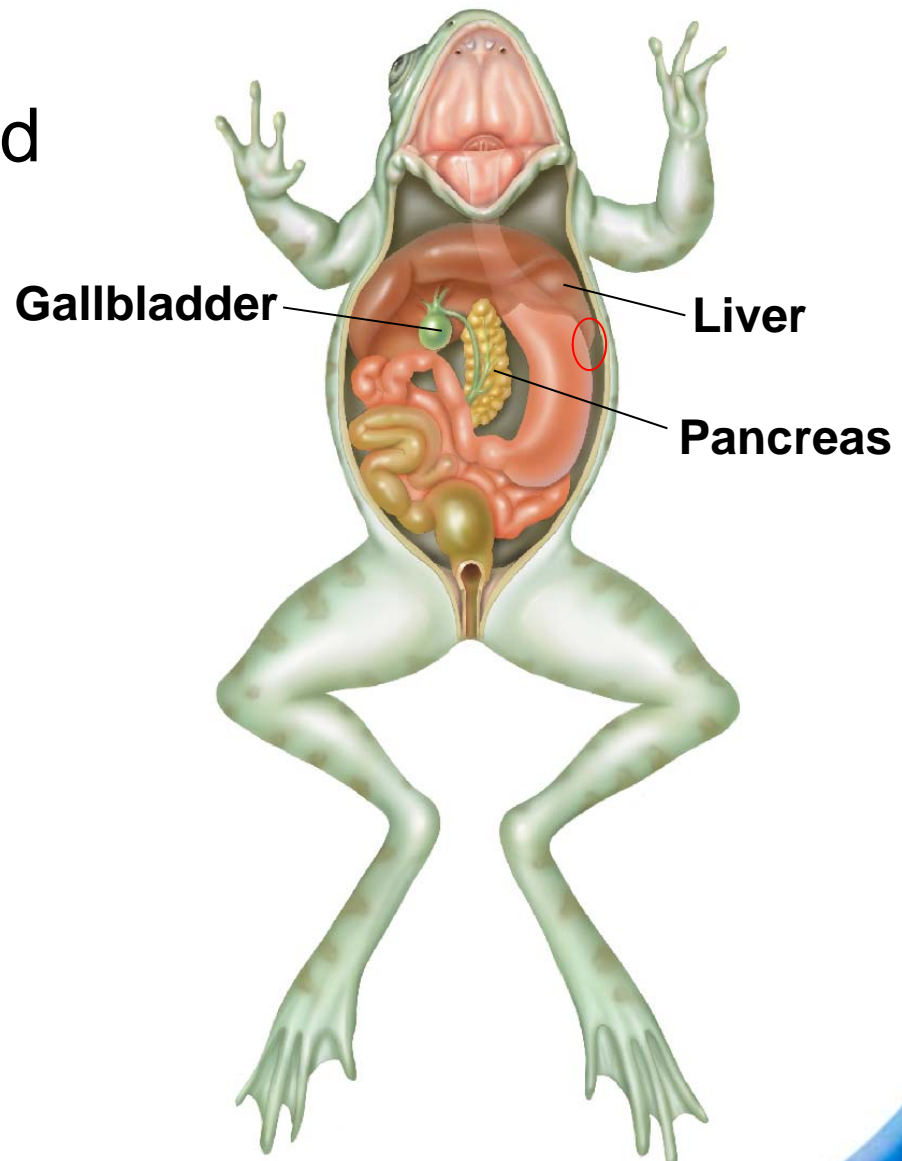
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The breakdown of food begins in the **stomach** and continues in the **small intestine**.



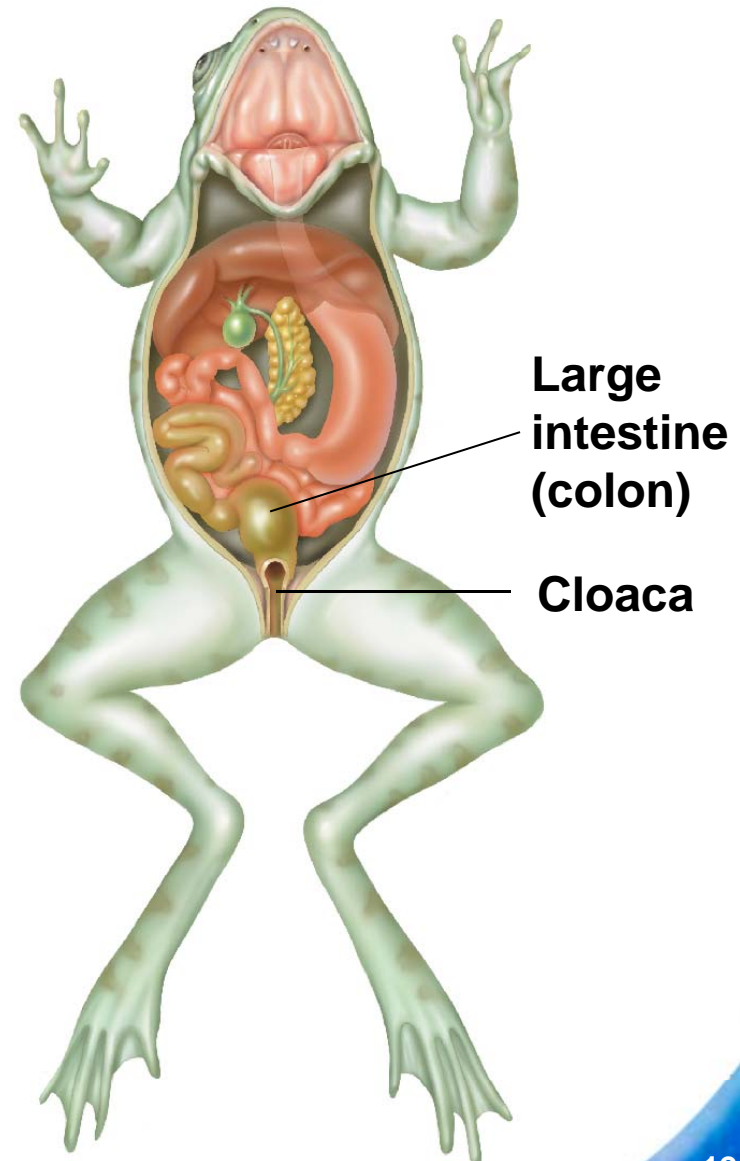
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The **liver**, **pancreas**, and **gallbladder** secrete substances that aid in digestion.



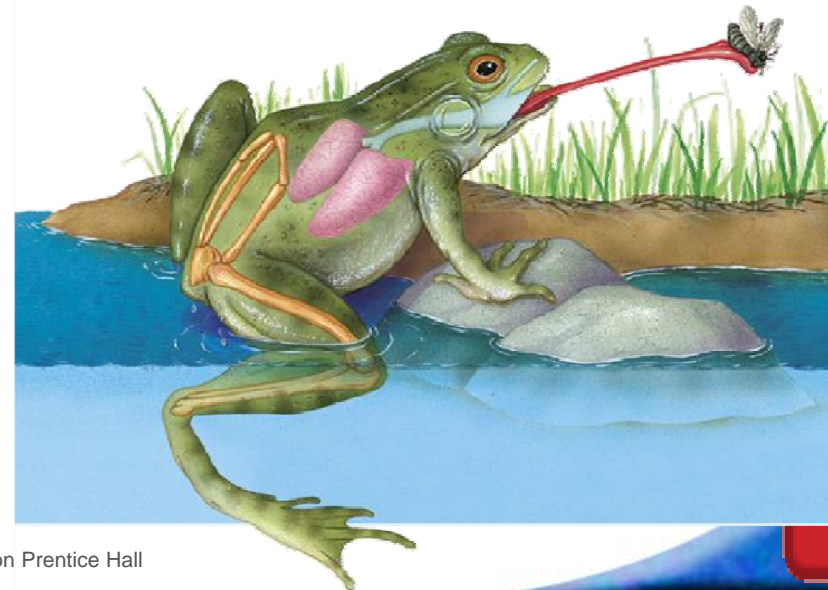
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At the end of the **large intestine** is a muscular cavity called the **cloaca**, through which digestive wastes, urine, and eggs or sperm leave the body.



Respiration p784

- Larval stage - gas exchange occurs through the **skin** and the **gills**.
- Adult – gas exchange occurs through the **skin** and **lungs**.
Not all salamanders have lungs – exchange gases through the lining of the mouth cavity and through the skin.

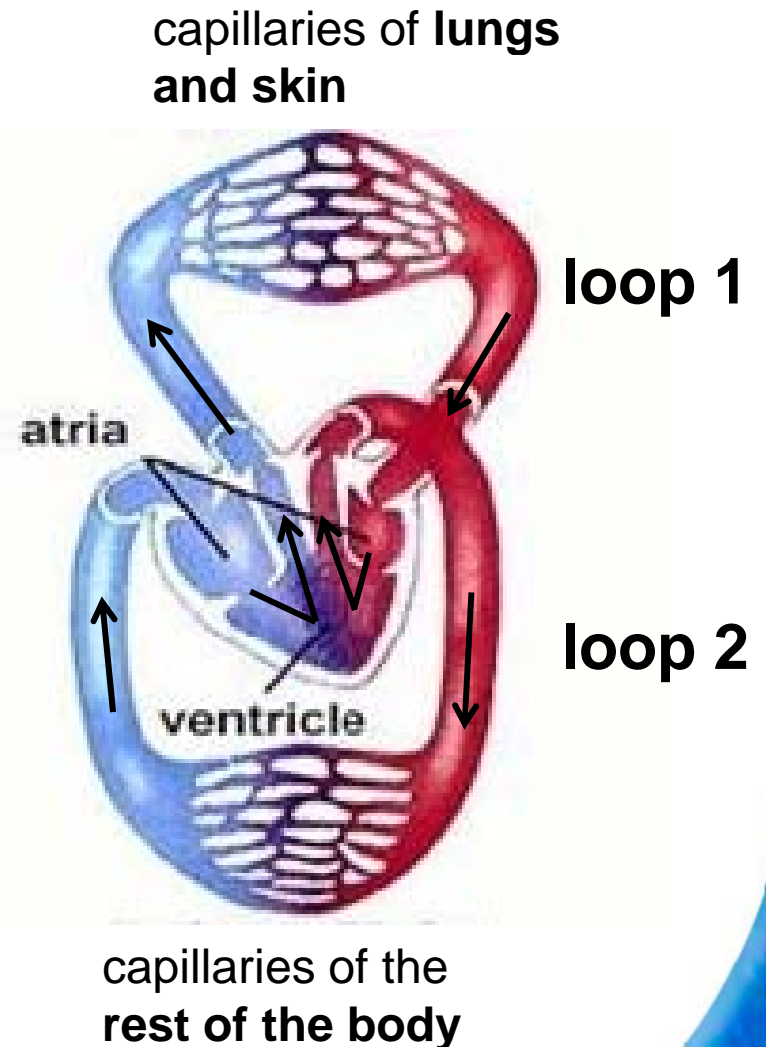


Circulation

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Adult – double loop

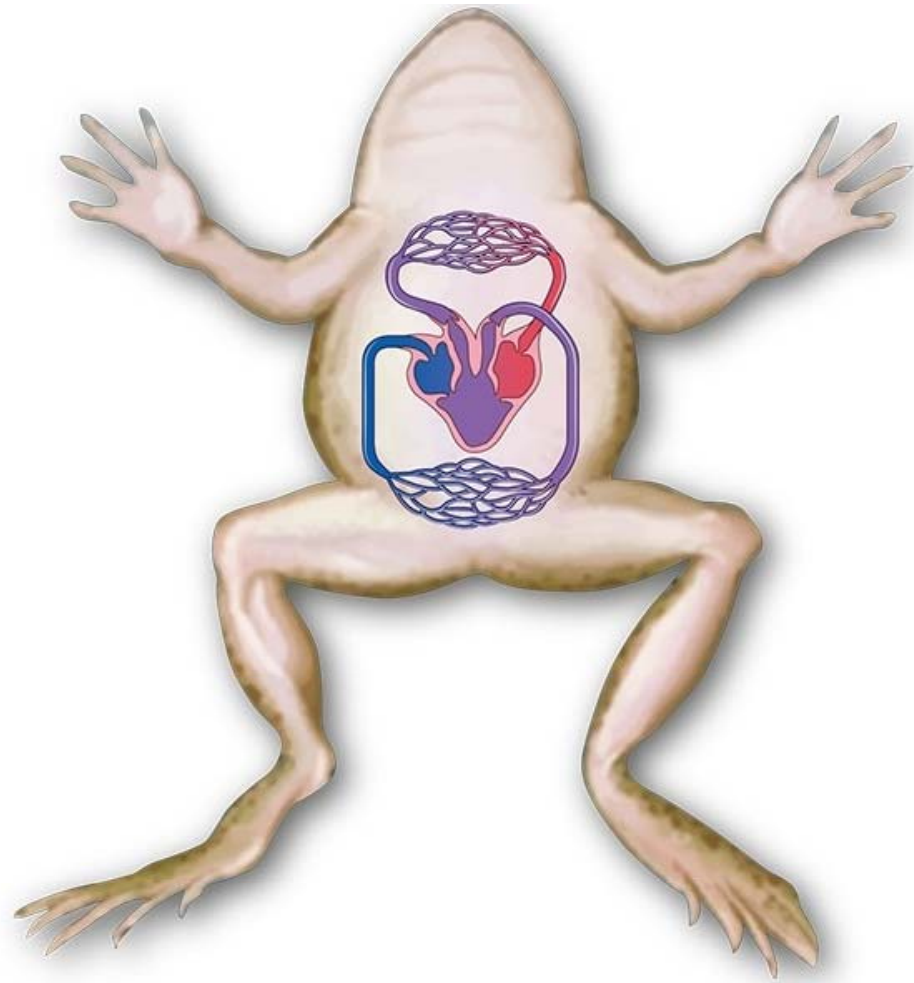
- The 1st loop carries blood from the heart to the lungs and skin and takes oxygen rich blood from the lungs and skin, and back to the heart.
- The 2nd loop transports oxygenated blood from the heart to the rest of the body and then carries oxygen poor blood from the body to the heart.



Circulation

Amphibian Heart:

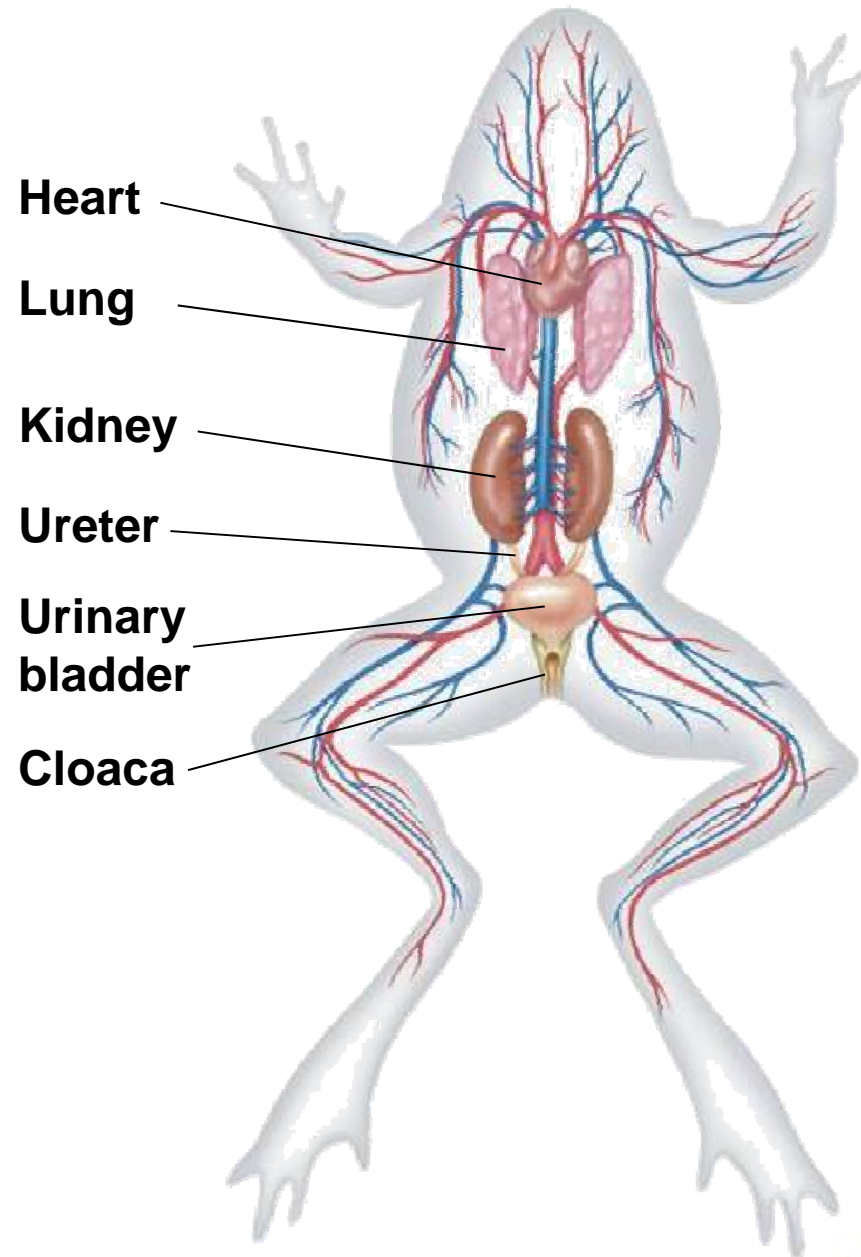
- 3 separate chambers:
 - Left atrium
 - Right atrium
 - ventricle



Excretion p785

- Kidneys filter wastes from the blood.
- Excretory product = urine
- Urine travels from the **kidneys**, thru tubes called **ureters** into the **urinary bladder** then out through the **cloaca**

Amphibian Circulation and Excretion



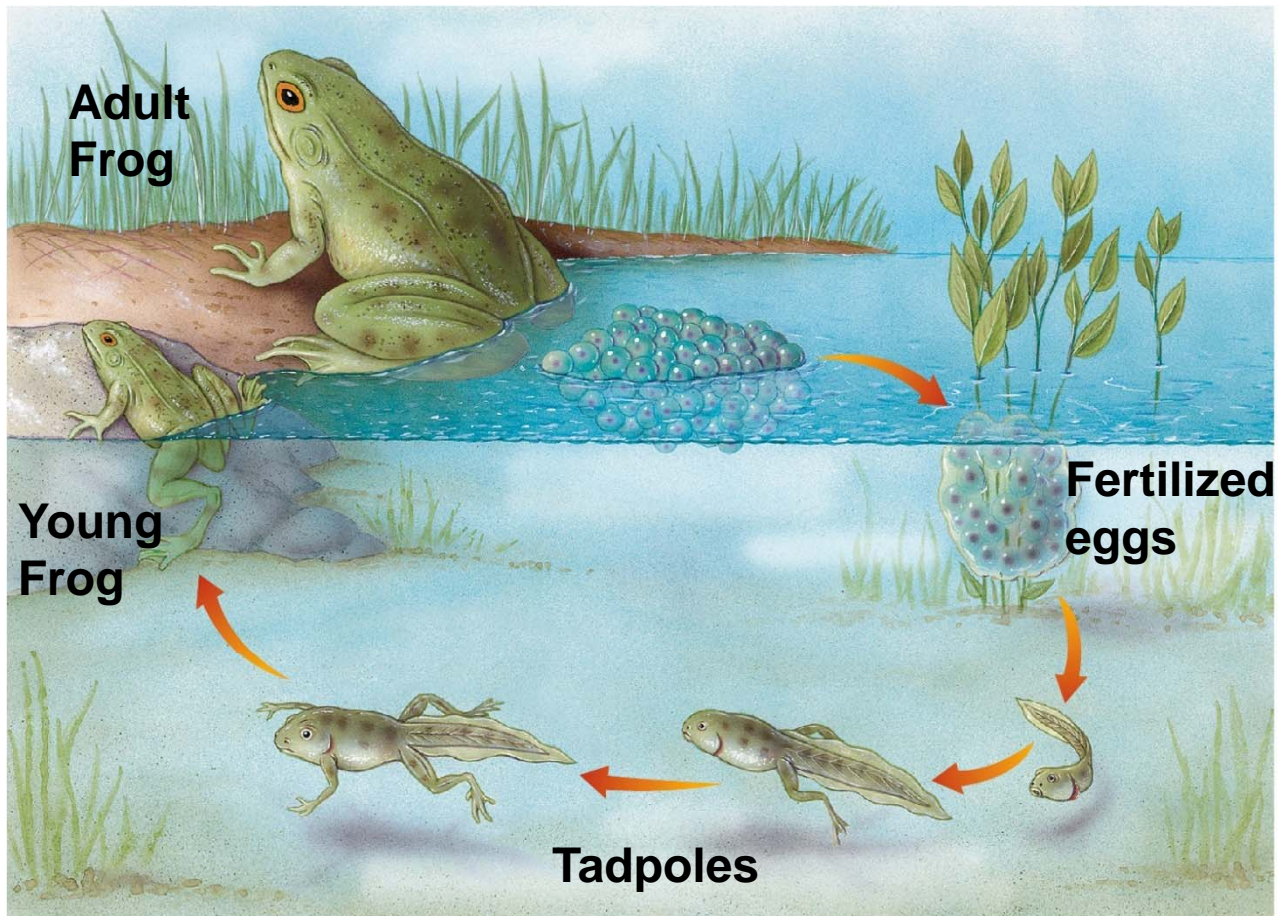
Reproduction p786

- Amphibian eggs do not have shells and dry out if they are not kept moist, thus **the eggs are laid in water**, then the **male fertilizes them externally**. Salamanders eggs are fertilized internally.
- The **yolk of the egg nourishes the developing embryos** until they hatch into larvae that are commonly called **tadpoles**.



salamander
egg mass

Frog Metamorphosis (Figure 30-25)



Movement p787

- Tadpoles move like fishes by wiggling their bodies and using a flattened tail for propulsion.



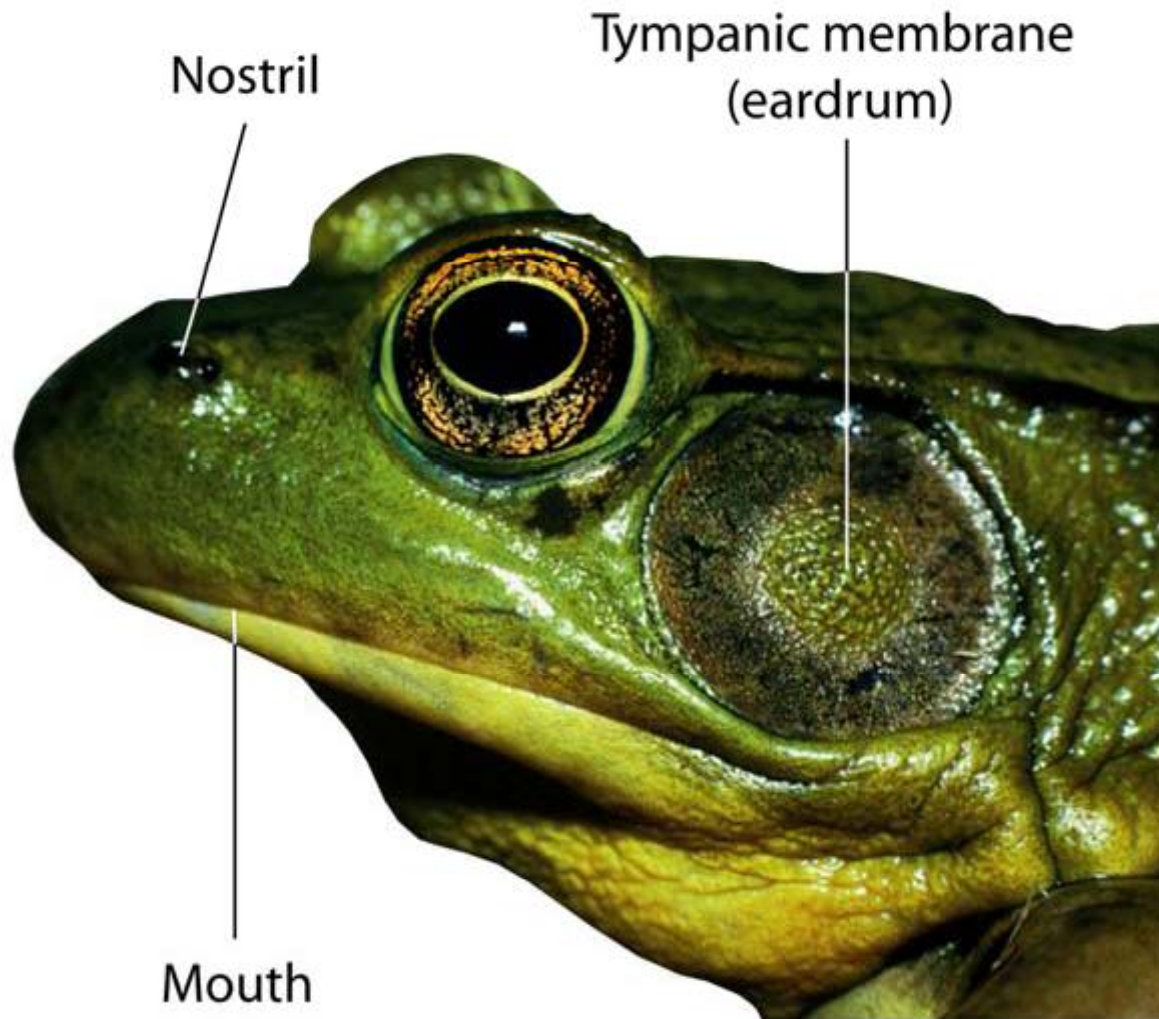
- Adults use their front and back legs to move.

Response p787

- The **brain** of an amphibian has the same basic parts as that of a fish. Like fish, amphibians have **well developed nervous and sensory systems**.
- A frog eyes can move about in their sockets.
- Eyes are protected by a transparent layer called a **nictitating membrane**.
- Amphibians hear through **tympanic membranes** or eardrums, located on the side of the head.
- Many amphibians also have a **lateral line system**, like those of fishes, that detect water movement.



Frog's Sense Organs



Groups of Amphibians

The three groups of amphibians alive today are:

- salamanders
- frogs and toads
- caecilians

Salamanders and newts

- long body and tail.
- 4 legs.
- carnivores.
- live in moist woods



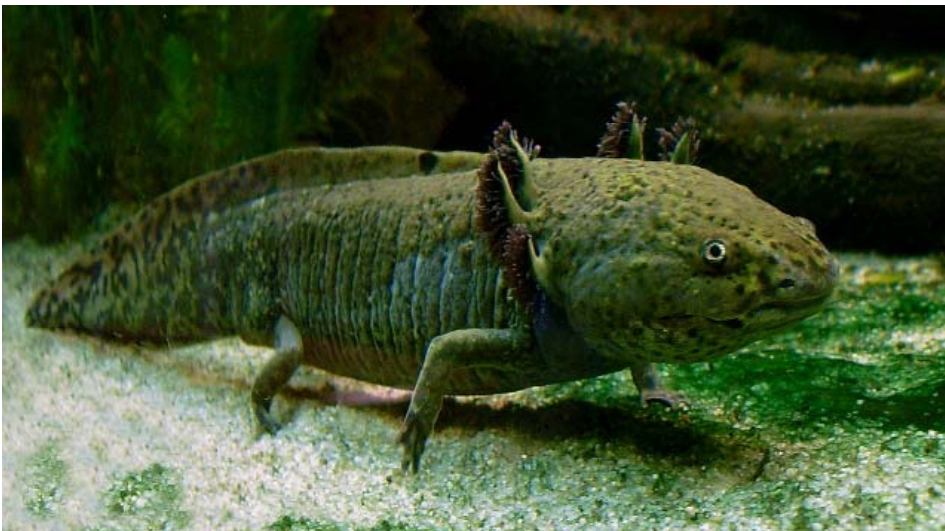
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Ex. of special salamander: Axolotl

(water monster: atl= water; xoltol= monster)



The axolotl, or Mexican salamander, never undergo metamorphosis into an adult form. Instead of developing lungs and taking to land, the adult keep the **larval form**, remain aquatic and gilled.



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Video:

Giant salamander emerges from river in japan (1m30):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBh-E0iXjHU>



Frogs and Toads

- have the ability to jump.
- Frogs have long legs and are closely tied to water
- Toads have relatively short legs and often live in moist woods and even deserts.
- Adult frogs and toads lack tails.



Caecilians

- legless animals that live in water or burrow in moist soil or sediment.
- feed on small invertebrates such as termites.



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- Live in moist environments
- Make ideal meals for animals such as birds and mammals.
- Many amphibians blend into their environment or ooze an unpleasant-tasting and poisonous substance or toxin.
- Some amphibians use colors and patterns
 - as a warning to potential predators
 - as camouflage



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- Global amphibian population is declining due to decreasing habitat and changes in the environment – depletion of ozone layer, acid rain, water pollution, fungal infections, etc.



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- 1 The word *amphibian* refers to the ability to
- a. live in hot climates.
 - b. live in wet places.
 - c. live both in water and on land.
 - d. live in cold and hot climates.

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- 2 Fossil evidence indicates the first land amphibians appeared during the
- a. Jurassic Period.
 - b. Devonian Period.
 - c. Cambrian Era.
 - d. Cretaceous Era.

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- 3** In a larval amphibian, gas exchange occurs through
- a. the skin only.
 - b. both the skin and the gills.
 - c. the gills only.
 - d. in a lung.

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- 4 The tympanic membrane in a frog enables it to
- a. hear.
 - b. see.
 - c. smell.
 - d. taste.

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- 5 Which of the following is a group of amphibians living on the Earth today?
- a. crocodiles
 - b. snakes
 - c. salamanders
 - d. lizards

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