



# FANTASTIC FROGS

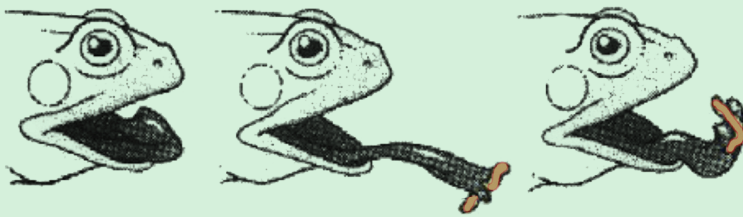
Try these fun ideas to get moving and see how YOU compare to a frog!

### How long is your tongue?

Stick out your tongue as far as you can. Is it as long as your pointer finger? Your pinky finger? A frog's tongue sticks out much farther!

**Here's why:** Our tongues are attached in the back of our throats, so we can't stick them out too far. Frogs' tongues are attached to the front of their mouths and hang backwards down their throats. When a frog sticks out its tongue, it flips outward – making it seem very long! Look at the picture of a frog flicking its tongue out to eat.

### Frog Tongue



Gray Tree Frog



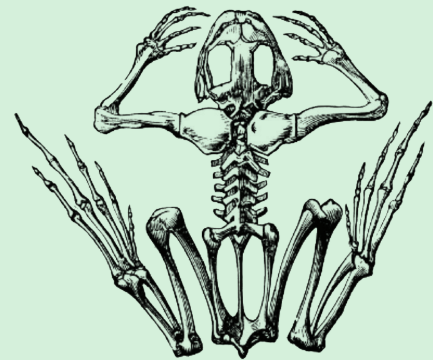
American Bullfrog

### How far can you leap?

Try this: Stand up straight and have a friend measure you from the top of your head to just below your waist. Write that number down. Next: Mark off a starting line, and then leap as far as you can. Have your friend measure from the start to where you landed. Compare that number to the measurement you took. Did you jump twice as far as your body length? Three times as far?

### Frogs can leap 10 times their body length!

**Here's why:** Look at the frog skeleton picture again and compare frog legs to ours. They have more places where they can bend and push off than we do; those are called levers. Count them. You will see they have 8 places where they can bend, compared to only 4 for people (hips, knees, ankles and where the foot meets the toes).



Frog Skeleton