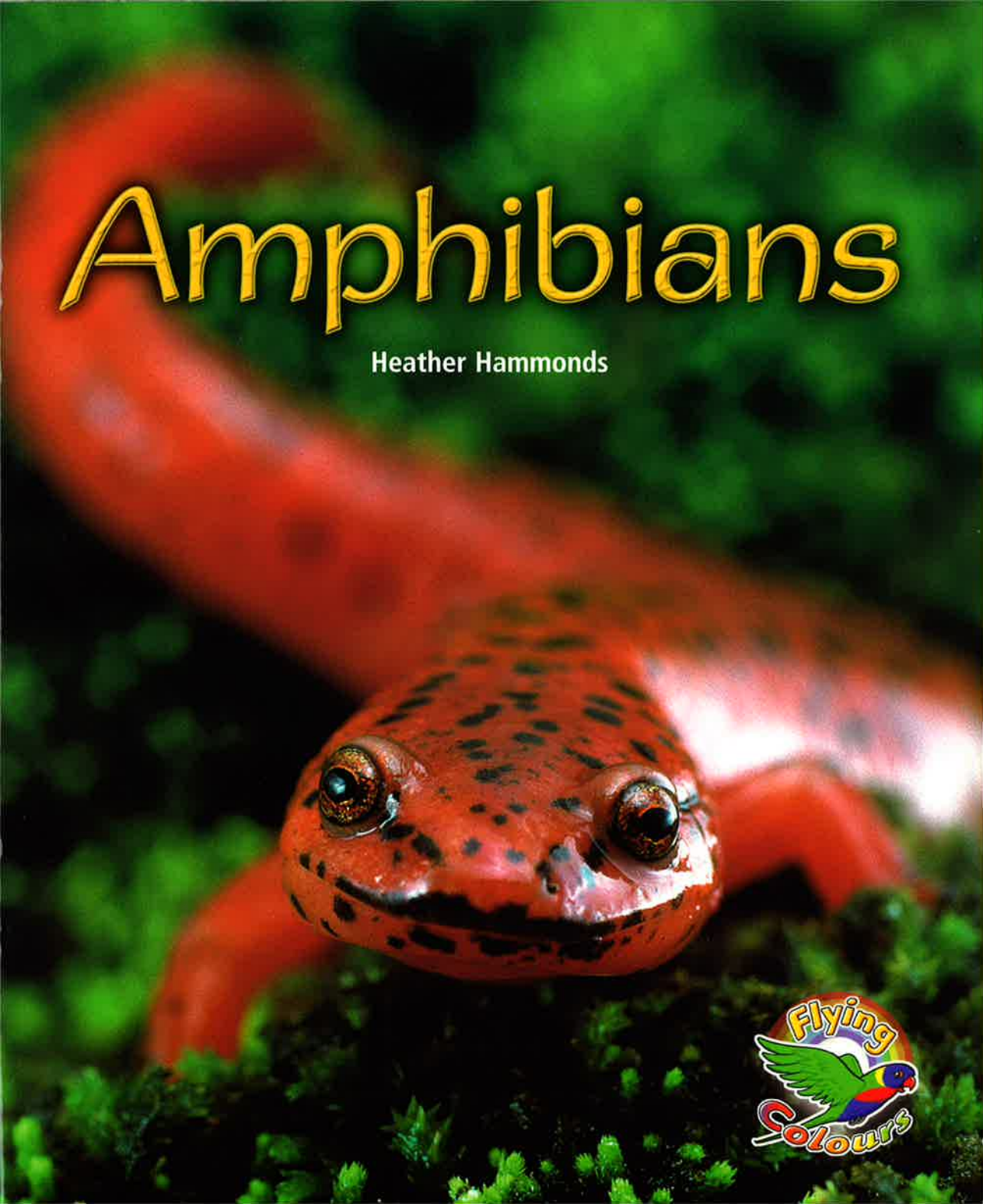

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Chapter 1

Amphibians

Are there frogs in a pond near you? Have you heard them croaking?

Frogs are amphibians. Amphibians are **cold-blooded** animals. They have a bony skeleton and soft, **moist** skin.



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There are lots of different kinds of amphibians. The main groups of amphibians are:

- frogs and toads



- salamanders and newts



- caecilians.

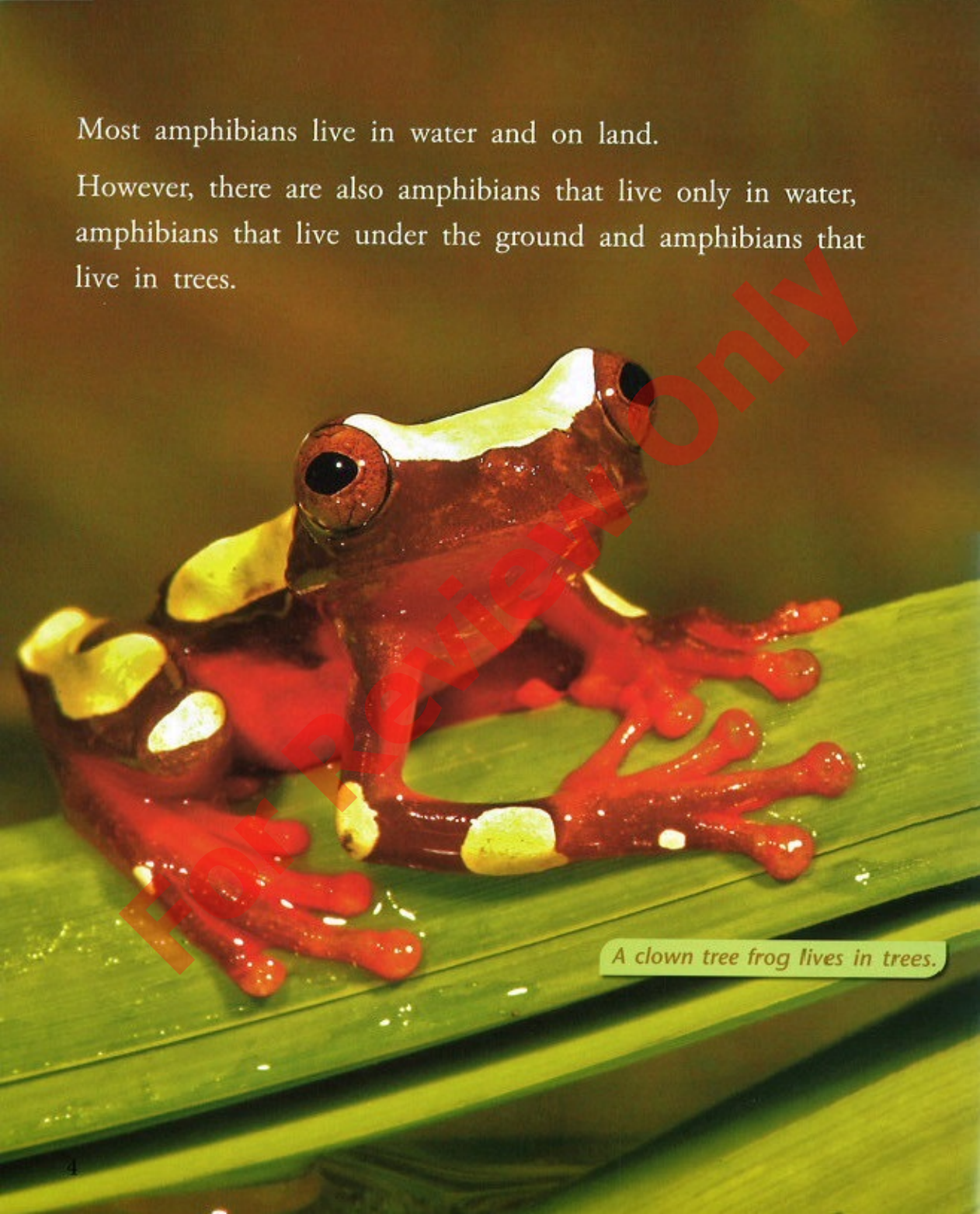


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There are more than 5600 different kinds of amphibians.

Most amphibians live in water and on land.

However, there are also amphibians that live only in water, amphibians that live under the ground and amphibians that live in trees.



A clown tree frog lives in trees.

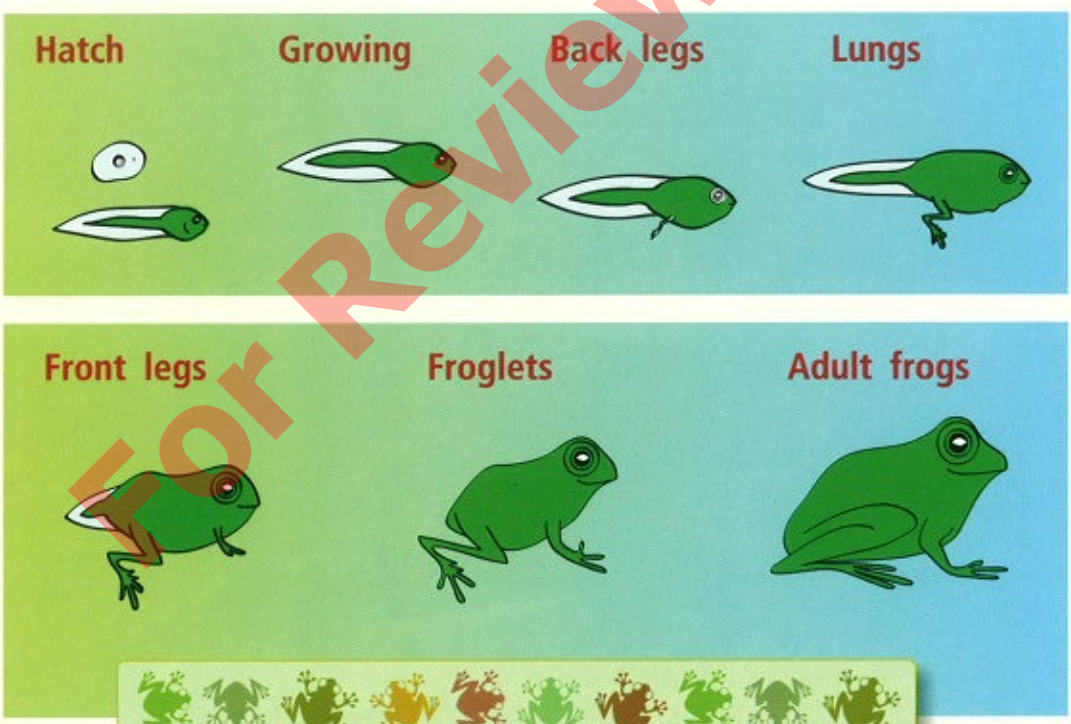
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Amazing Changes

Most amphibians lay eggs in water. After the eggs hatch, the babies live in the water.

They breathe through **gills**. As the babies grow older, their legs grow. They also grow lungs and their gills disappear. Now they are able to leave the water.

A Frog Life Cycle



A few kinds of amphibians do not lose their gills. They stay in the water and just grow bigger.

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Chapter 2

Frogs and Toads

Frogs and toads are amphibians with four legs and no tail.

Frogs have smooth skin and long, strong back legs that help them to hop.

Frogs usually lay their eggs in clusters. When the eggs hatch, the baby frogs are called tadpoles.



a cluster of frog eggs

a striped marsh frog

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an Asian toad

Toads have thick, warty skin that is drier than frogs' skin.

Toads have short bodies and short back legs. Because their back legs are shorter, they cannot hop as far as frogs.

Toads lay their eggs in long chains. When the eggs hatch, the baby toads are also called tadpoles.

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chains of toad eggs

Clusters of frog eggs are called frog spawn.
Chains of toad eggs are called toad spawn.