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A tiny **polliwog** swims in a pond. It is looking for plants to eat. The polliwog looks like a little fish, but it is really a baby American bullfrog. Very soon it will go through some big changes.

American bullfrog polliwog

# All about American bullfrogs

Adult American bullfrogs live near ponds, lakes, and streams.

They spend some time in water and some time on land.



Bullfrogs are the largest type of frog in North America.

An adult bullfrog can weigh as much as five baseballs!

adult American bullfrog

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# Water Frog Polliwogs

With a long tail and no legs, a newly hatched polliwog looks more like a fish than a frog. It even has to live underwater like a fish. So how does this tiny creature grow legs and lose its tail to become a grown-up American bullfrog? Look inside to find the answers to this and other polliwog mysteries.

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