

## You are a poet!

Finish these poems about amphibians by filling in the blanks.

Amphibian: a great big word  
For creatures sometimes small.  
From salamander, \_\_\_\_\_, or toad,  
They're water-lovers all.  
At least their \_\_\_\_\_ are laid where it  
Is wet, I have a hunch,  
For algae-eating babies need  
An underwater \_\_\_\_\_.

Metamorphosis: a change  
From tadpole into frog,  
Or maybe into toad or newt  
In shallow stream or bog.  
First there is a head and tail  
For swimming where it's wet.  
Then back legs grow, and then the \_\_\_\_\_  
You'll be a jumper \_\_\_\_\_!

You know how tadpoles change to toads,  
The same change froggies do—  
That thing called metamorphosis?  
It happens inside, too!  
Under \_\_\_\_\_, tadpoles need  
Some oxygen transport,  
And that is what their \_\_\_\_\_ are for—  
Their breath a different sort.  
But when that toad is grown and needs  
His oxygen from air,  
He discovers with one breath  
His new lungs waiting \_\_\_\_\_!

Do salamanders seem to be  
Just lizards in the water?  
Well, although they're shaped the same  
(Whether son or \_\_\_\_\_),  
A reptile has a different skin  
With dry \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere,  
But sallie has that smooth, moist \_\_\_\_\_  
That all the amphibs share.

*Frog/eggs/lunch/ front/yet/water/gills/there/daughter/scales/skin*