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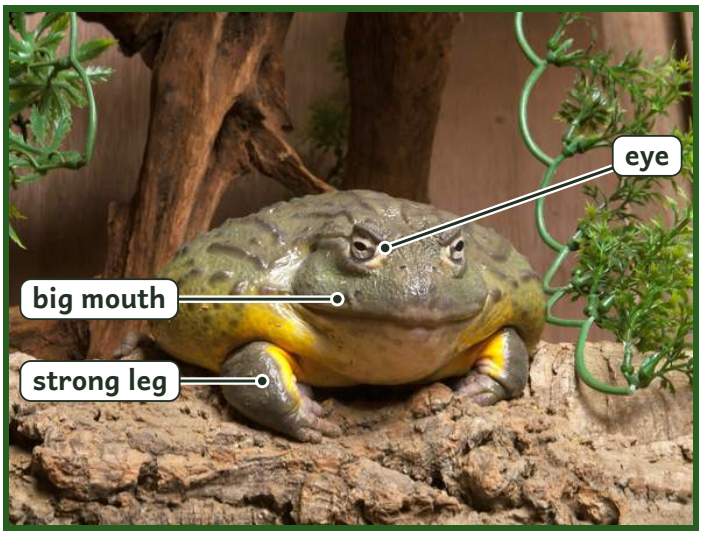
PIXIE FROG

Pyxicephalus adspersus

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A big pixie frog on a log.

Its body

A pixie frog is very big!
Males are the biggest.
Its jaw has 3 bony points.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in Africa.
It lives near rain pools.
In dry times, it rests underground.



■ Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It hunts other animals.

Its babies (life cycle)

A young frog is a **tadpole**.
A mother can lay 4,000 eggs!
They hatch in about 2 days.
A father may guard the tadpoles.
He may dig a path to deep water.

Fun facts

Its name does not mean it is small!

Words to know

guard: to keep safe
tadpole: a young frog that swims
underground: under the dirt

Talk about it

1. How does a father help the tadpoles?
2. Where does a pixie frog go when it is dry?
3. How many eggs can a mother lay?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/reptiles/pixie-frog/ · **Sources:** Animal Diversity Web (University of Michigan); Virginia Zoo; Potawatomi Zoo.
Supports Maryland and Delaware (NGSS) and Pennsylvania (STEELS) standards: K-LS1-1 (3.1.K.A) · 1-LS1-2 (3.1.1.B)
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Before and after you read

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you read · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A pixie frog is very big. **YES** **NO**
2. A mother lays just 1 egg. **YES** **NO**
3. A young frog is a tadpole. **YES** **NO**
4. It eats only plants. **YES** **NO**

Look closely · with a partner

Look at the photo on page 1. Check each one you see.

- ☐ eyes
- ☐ big mouth
- ☐ strong legs
- ☐ log

Where does it live? Find the dark part of the map, then circle.

Africa Asia Europe

After you read · 10 minutes

Draw a big frog by a rain pool. Add tadpoles.

Draw here

A pixie frog has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular pixie frog sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no. Map answer: Africa.

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