

Mouse and Frog

Educator Guide

DISCUSSION

Ask these questions to the class as a whole or have students discuss in small groups. These questions encourage students to think about friendship.

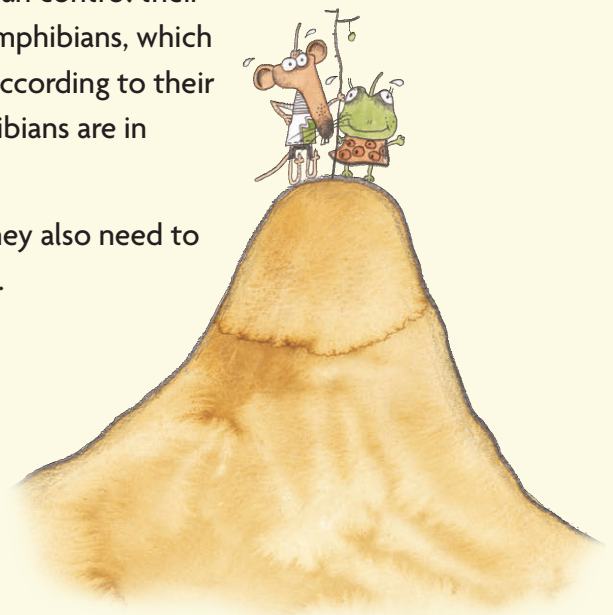
1. Mouse and Frog are best friends. What does being a friend mean? How do Mouse and Frog show this? Even though they are friends, Mouse and Frog are a bit different. How are they different? How are they similar?
2. Mouse and Frog enjoy being together. They help each other, share things, and have fun. What do you like to do with your friends?
3. The story follows Mouse and Frog through each season. What do they do in each season? What do you do in the different seasons?
4. Mouse is sad to say goodbye when Frog **hibernates** (goes to sleep for the winter). Have you ever missed a friend? What did you do to feel better?

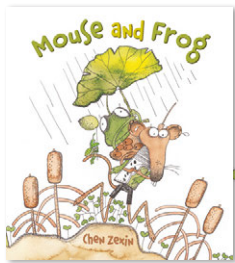
SCIENCE CONNECTION

Introduce the stars of this story—mice and frogs—with the facts below.

Mice and frogs are both animals, but they belong to different animal families. Mice are mammals. They are **warm-blooded**, which means they can control their body temperature, which is usually about 98°F (37°C). Frogs are amphibians, which are **cold-blooded**. This means frogs' body temperature changes according to their environment. If the environment gets too hot or too cold, amphibians are in danger. That is why some amphibians hibernate in winter.

Amphibians can live on land and breathe air like mammals, but they also need to spend a certain amount of time in water to keep their skin moist.





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Activities for Kids

LET'S DRAW

What other fun activities can Mouse and Frog do together? Draw them playing below.

WRITE FRIEND IN CHINESE

The Chinese word for friend is 朋友 pengyou, written with two characters. Trace the characters below, then practice writing them on your own!

朋 友

peng

you

