

Research



The Weird Lives of Baby Amphibians

Learning Intention

We are developing our skills in finding and using information.

Introduction

Did you know, there were once frogs which look after their eggs by swallowing them – right into their stomach? Other amphibian babies survive and grow by eating their mother's skin – while she's still alive! Your task is to use the internet to find out about a weird way that amphibians look after their eggs or offspring, and then to make a bright zoo sign to tell people about it.

As with all research, you need to work out who knows best – some information will be up-to-date and correct, while other sources may be telling the same old myths that came around years ago. How will you know? Look at the name of the organisation that produced the website, or the author. Try to find out when the website was produced – is it recent, or has it been made up years ago as part of someone's school project?

Search terms

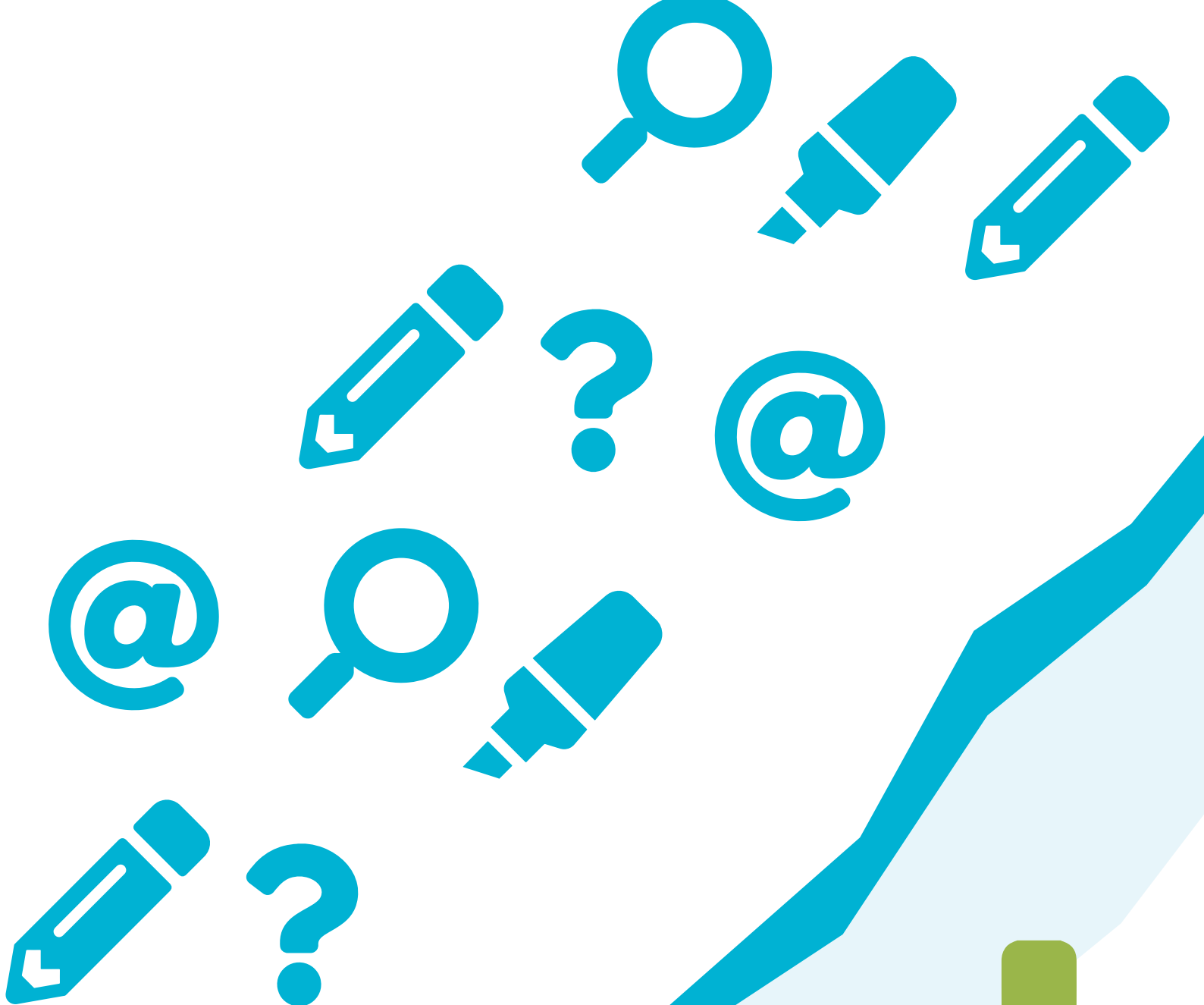
Choosing your search terms carefully can save a lot of time! What information are you looking to find? You can decide for yourself whether something is 'weird' – so we'd suggest:

- ◆ Frog brooding strategies (brooding is the way an animal looks after its eggs or offspring, and a strategy)
- ◆ Amphibian parent care
- ◆ Or other similar combinations!

Once you have done a little bit of research, choose one way in which amphibians breed that is particularly interesting – then, focus in on that. Try to find the information that will allow you to produce an interesting zoo sign –

- ◆ **What is the name of the amphibian**
- ◆ **Where does it come from**
- ◆ **What about its breeding is particularly interesting**





Your Task:
Create a Zoo Sign

Produce a zoo sign using the information you have found, to be displayed next to the amphibian if we ever get the chance to keep it at Paignton Zoo.

To get our visitors' attention, use bright colours and eye-catching pictures. Keep the text to a minimum, so that they can read all of it in about 30 seconds.