

# POND PUZZLER

How much do you know about the wet and wild creatures living in and around our ponds? Take our quiz to find out...

Answers are at the bottom of the page.

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Which of these creatures can walk on water?  
a) Pond skater  
b) Pond snail  
c) Pond worm



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Some amphibians put themselves into a deep sleep at certain times of year – what is this called?  
a) Migration  
b) Adaptation  
c) Hibernation

3

Which of these critters would you *not* find in a British Isles' pond?  
a) Smooth newt  
b) Tadpole  
c) Lobster



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Which of these pond dwellers acts as a kind of filter to recycle water?  
a) Leech b) Fresh water mussel  
c) Phantom midge larva

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Which of these slippery characters might you find near one of our ponds?  
a) Cobra  
b) Grass snake  
c) Python

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What can tadpoles become when they get older?  
a) Frogs b) Lizards  
c) Dragonflies



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Which of these critters is the noisiest?  
a) Common frog  
b) Fairy shrimp  
c) Natterjack toad



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How often can a smooth newt shed its skin?  
a) Once a week  
b) Once a day  
c) Once an hour

## TAKE A DIP!

Check out our three top pond-dipping tips...

### Make your own net

Don't worry if you don't have a pond net, because they're really easy to make. All you need to do is attach a fine-meshed plastic kitchen sieve to a pole and secure it with duct tape.



### Play it safe by the ponds

Water can be very dangerous, even if it's shallow, so remember to always take an adult with you on your pond-dipping adventures.

### Care for creatures

Some pond critters are very delicate, so handle them with care and always put them back where you found them.



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ANSWERS  
1a, 2c, 3c, 4b,  
5b, 6a, 7c, 8a.