

***Song of the Water Boatman*, Joyce Sldman**

Spring Peepers

The sound of spring peepers is one of the earliest signs of spring.

SENTENCE SET 1

1. These frogs can freeze almost completely in winter. (Base sentence)
2. The tree frogs are one inch long.
3. The frogs have a special “antifreeze” in their cells.

SENTENCE SET 2

1. As soon as the ground thaws, they begin to come alive again. (Base sentence)
2. They climb up twigs and bushes.
3. They are able to climb with their sticky toes.

SENTENCE SET 3

1. Their song is actually a series of peeps. (Base sentence)
2. They sing the song at nighttime.
- 3 The song is a loud, steady trill.
4. The peeps are pitched high.
5. A peep lasts only a third of a second.
6. The peeps are made from their throat sacs that are like balloons.

SENTENCE SET 4

1. The peepers are males. (Base sentence)
2. The ones your hear are calling to attract a mate.