

Freddy's Wish

Once upon a time, there was a frog called Freddy who lived all alone in a pond in the middle of a forest. The pond was calm and deep, so Freddy could swim around to his heart's content. Juicy flies and insects danced above the water, so Freddy could eat until his stomach bulged. Rocks and stones lay on the edge, so Freddy could crawl underneath them and sleep in the shade.

One day, he was sitting beside the pond, watching the fish nibbling at the weed. "It's so quiet," he sighed. "I wish I had someone to play with."

Suddenly, with a splish and a splosh, his froggy godmother appeared next to him.

"Did I hear you right?" she croaked. "You would like someone to play with?" The froggy godmother waved her froggy wand. "Bibbit, bobbit, bends! Give Freddy Frog some friends!"

At first, nothing seemed to have changed. Then, a bright green frog jumped out of the pond and sat next to Freddy, followed by another, and another, until all the rocks around him were covered in frogs.

Freddy and his new friends had swimming races, held competitions to see who could catch the most flies and played leapfrog on the rocks. After a while, Freddy felt hot and decided to cool down in the water. But the pond was full of noisy, splashing frogs. He felt hungry, but when he looked round for a fat fly or two, they had all been eaten. So he hopped under his favourite rock for a snooze, but there was already a frog asleep under there.

Freddy sat beside the pond. "It's so noisy," he sighed. "I wish they would all go away." With a splish, a splosh and a splash, the froggy godmother appeared again.

"Be careful what you wish for, Freddy. I thought you wanted friends?" she croaked.

"I thought I did," he answered, "but I think I'd be happier on my own."

The froggy godmother waved her wand once more. "Bibbit, bobbit, buyit! Give Freddy peace and quiet."

One by one, the frogs disappeared and Freddy was left alone.

He swam around the pond, caught an insect flying by and then crawled into the shade of a rock.

"That's better," he said. Closing his eyes, Freddy Frog fell asleep and dreamed peacefully.



1 Where is the pond that Freddy lives in?

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2 What **three** things does Freddy do when he lives alone in the pond?

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3 Why does Freddy want someone to play with?

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4 What colour is the first frog that jumps out of the pond?

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5 Read the opening paragraph. **Find** and **copy** a phrase that tells you Freddy could do something for as long as he wanted to.

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6 “So he hopped under his favourite rock for a snooze”.
Give the meaning of the word *snooze* in this sentence.

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7 What did the froggy godmother do to make Freddy’s wishes come true?

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8 What do you think the **three** problems are when the pond is full of frogs?

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9 How do you think Freddy feels at the end of the story?

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10 Why do you think the froggy godmother said “Be careful what you wish for”?

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