

Farley the Frog

Farley was a fat frog.

Farley Frog was five.

Farley's family fished on Fridays,
for their favorite food was flies.

Farley liked to float on feathers,
sailing fast and feeling free.

"Don't forget," said Farley's father,
"foolish frogs fall off their feathers."

"Don't go far," said Farley's father,
"Fenster Fox eats frogs on Friday.
(Farley's father knew how foolish
little frogs can sometimes be.)

Farley's family fished
and Farley floated far away.
He fell asleep and floated faster,
faster, 'til he lost his way.

"Oh, fiddle!" fussed Farley,
"I forgot to listen to my father."

His feather hit a fence post

and he flipped into the water.

And there behind the fence
was a fierce and fearful fiend.
Fenster Fox found Farley Frog,
and Fenster Fox was mean.

But just as Fenster Fox had opened
wide his mouth to bite,
Farley's father found him
and Fenster ran away in fright.

"Forgive me, father," Farley said,
I foolishly fell off my feather.

Father said, "I love you, Farley.
Don't you cry. Let's go home.
I saved for you a fine fat fly."

THE END

Did You Know?

- Frogs shed their skin once a week – and eat it
- The 'tree frog' can jump 7 feet
- A group of frogs is called an 'army of frogs'
- Baby frogs are called 'tadpoles' or 'polliwogs'
- Frogs catch food (bugs, flies, worms, slugs,) with their tongue
- A frog's tongue is $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of its body
- Frogs are 'amphibians', in the family of toads and salamanders
- Some frogs 'hibernate' in the mud in the winter
- Frogs sleep with their eyes open
- Herpetologists' are people who study frogs

Do You Know?

- Foxes are in the dog family with wolves, coyotes, and jackals
- Coyotes, wolves, and eagles, and the short-tailed lynx cat eat foxes
- Foxes eat rodents, squirrels, insects, birds, and chickens
- A fox weighs only 6-8 pounds.
- A male fox is a 'dog fox'; female is a 'vixen'; babies are 'cubs' or 'pups'
- Foxes live alone, but if they get together, the group is called a 'skulk'
- Some kinds of foxes are: Gray fox, Red fox, Arctic fox, Kit fox, and Fennec fox
- Foxes live in North America
- Foxes sometimes like to play with a live mouse and then let him go

True False Quiz

The answers are found in the Story and Did You Know

Circle the right answer.

1. T F Farley was five years old.

2. T F Farley's family fished on Fridays.

3. T F Fenster Fox ate frogs on Friday.

4. T F Farley's family saved him a fine fat grasshopper to eat.

5. T F Frogs shed their skin and eat it.

6. T F Herpetologists are people who like frogs.

7. T F Foxes are in the 'dog' family.

8. T F A female fox is called a 'vixen'.

9. T F A fox would not really eat a frog.

10. T F Some types of foxes are the Gray Fox, the Red Fox,
and the Purple Fox.

