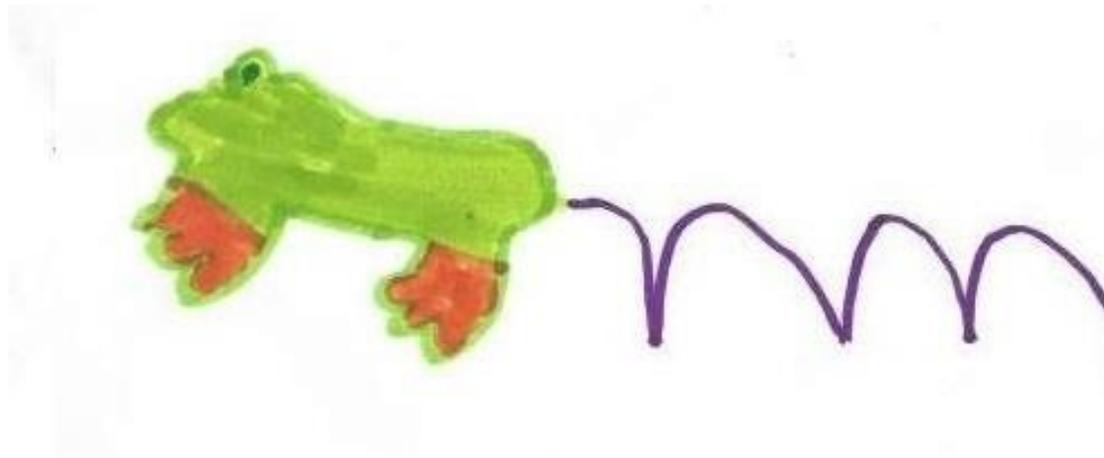


How Frog Learned to Hop

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Once upon a time Frog didn't know how to hop. He never got places faster than anyone else. One day, he saw Kangaroo hopping incredibly fast. By the time Frog started to ask a question how Kangaroo hopped, she was far away. He tried to learn to hop on his own. But he was using his front legs instead of his back legs. He wanted to give up because he had been trying over, and over again for an hour.

Monkey swings over and says, "Don't give up you'll get it soon."

"But I want to do it right now!" yells Frog.



Turtle comes over and says “If you don’t learn to hop maybe you could have a pretty fine shell like me. I grew mine years ago.

“I don’t want a shell I just want to hop!” yells Frog.

Turtle said, “How about if you use one front leg instead of two.”

Frog tried and fell on his face. Then he tumbled down a hill and landed in the pond.



Frog got out of the pond and hopped into the forest. He saw Rabbit nibbling on some leaves.

Frog went up to Rabbit and asked, "Can you show me how you hop?"

Rabbit said, "OK, all you do is hold up your front paws and hop with your back." Rabbit quickly hopped away.

Frog went to follow, but kept tripping every time he attempted to push off his back legs with his front feet in the air.



Then a grasshopper landed on a bush near him. Frog was about to eat it.

“Wait! Wait! Wait! If you won’t eat me, I will help you,” said grasshopper nervously.

Frog said, “I think you are just going to try to get away.”

“Trust me its not a trick. Put your front legs in front and put your back legs like this. Then push with your front legs and leap with your back legs.”

Frog tried it and made a small hop. He said, “Thank you, I really wanted to hop farther and faster.”

Grasshopper hopped away before Frog ate him.



Frog was practicing hopping. But he was frustrated about how slow and difficult it was.

Then Snake snuck up on frog and tried to bite him. Surprised, Frog leaped six feet into the air!

Snake said, "Oh, sorry I was just looking for a snack."

Frog replied, "Thank you for helping me hop!" Frog was so excited that he finally learned to hop faster and higher all thanks to Snake.

