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Why Frogs Are Happier Than People A Myth

Long ago, in the time before time, there lived only tiny green frogs. They were not tiny because they were young. Nor were they tiny because they were a small type of frog. No, these were the only frogs on Earth. They were tiny because they could not catch enough flies to grow larger. And this made them hungry for change.

The frogs watched other creatures catch flies with ease. They saw their spider friends carefully spinning webs. The frogs marveled at how effortless catching flies was after the spiders built their trap! All they had to do was sit back and wait!

Then, the frogs watched their bat friends. They didn't have to wait for the flies to come into a trap. They could fly, too! The bats would masterfully glide through the darkness and snatch their prey out of the sky. The frogs couldn't decide which was better. Waiting like the careful spiders? Or hunting like the agile bats?

In the end, the frogs wisely decided to learn from both. Like the spiders, the frogs learned to sit patiently. They can wait for hours! Like the bats, the frogs learned to strike their buzzing bounty and sail through the air after it—but by jumping instead of flying.

And so you see, by wisely learning from both sides, the frogs learned to be expert hunters. And they taught other frogs to become experts, too. And because of their wisdom and willingness to share it, frogs may grow into their fullest, fattest forms in happiness.