

Class Amphibia has three orders
Anura (frogs and toads)
Urodela (salamanders and
newts)
Apoda (caecilians)

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Today's Amphibians Share Five Key Characteristics

1. Legs - an adaptation for living on land
2. Lungs- larval amphibians have gills, most adults use lungs
3. Double-loop circulation

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4. Partially divided heart- the atrium is divided into left and right sides, but the ventricle is not

5. Cutaneous ^{skin} respiration- supplement oxygen intake by taking in air through their moist skin. This limits to maximum size of the animal because it needs a high skin surface to body volume ratio

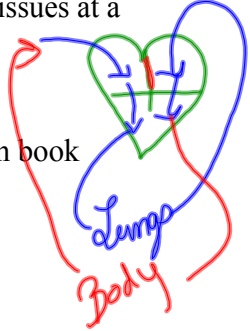
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Lungs- internal, baglike respiratory organ that allows carbon dioxide exchange between the air and the blood stream. The larger the surface area the more oxygen absorbed

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Double-loop circulation- the advantage is that oxygen rich blood can be pumped to the tissues at a higher pressure

Look at figure 34-13 in book



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Heart- the oxygen rich and oxygen poor blood enter separate and septum keeps in them separate in the atrium

The blood is together in the ventricle though so why does it not completely mix?

density

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