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Reading

# Weekly Test Lesson 25

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Blue Poison Dart Frogs

Blue poison dart frogs are dazzling to look at. They are a striking color. Their blue skin makes them stand out in the lush rain forest world. But is this frog meant to stand out? Yes! Its color warns animals to stay away. Its color says, “I am dangerous!”



### Small, but Harmful

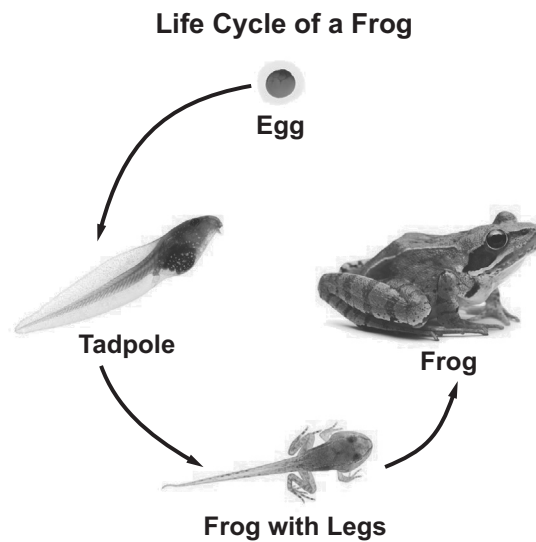
The blue poison dart frog is only 1.75 inches long. But it is harmful! Blue poison dart frogs do not taste good to animals that eat them. This is because there is poison on their skin. Poison is something harmful. It can make animals sick. This is why not a lot of animals eat these types of frogs.

Poison is not the only thing that makes this frog interesting. The blue poison dart frog has an unusual way of caring for its young.

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Most frogs lay their eggs in water. Then they leave. The eggs are often eaten by animals. Others turn into tadpoles in about 20 days. Tadpoles have tails and gills like fish. They live in water. They grow legs and lungs in about five weeks. They breathe air. They hop on land. In time, their tails go away.



## Good Parents

Most frogs make their young fend for themselves. But blue poison dart frogs care for their babies. A mother lays her five to ten eggs on land. The father guards the eggs until they hatch. Both parents take turns keeping the eggs wet.

In about two to three weeks, the tadpoles hatch. Right away, they wiggle onto their parents' backs. The tadpoles are born with sticky material called *mucus*. This comes in handy! The mucus helps them stick to their parents. The parents then carry the tadpoles to special plants. These plants have cups that hold little pools of water. The tadpoles slide from their parents' backs into the pools.

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Is this the end of the frog parent's work? No! Now the mother lays eggs for the tadpoles to eat. She returns again and again to feed them. They grow bigger. Then the tadpoles grow lungs and legs. Soon, they leave their water crib. They hop off to start their lives as adults.

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- 1 What does the photo of the blue poison dart frog **best** help readers understand?
- Ⓐ that the frog has poison
  - Ⓑ what the frog looks like
  - Ⓒ how many eggs the frog lays
  - Ⓓ that the frog cares for its young

- 2 Read these sentences from the passage.

Poison is something harmful. It can make animals sick.  
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What does the word harmful mean as used in this sentence?

- Ⓐ tasting bad
- Ⓑ causing joy
- Ⓒ tasting good
- Ⓓ causing hurt

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- 3 Why does the author include the “Life Cycle of Frogs” diagram?
- Ⓐ to tell why frogs lay eggs
  - Ⓑ to show how a frog grows
  - Ⓒ to show a tadpole in the wild
  - Ⓓ to tell why tadpoles have gills

4 Mark the boxes to match each effect with its cause.

	<b>Because the Mother Frog Lays Her Eggs on Land</b>	<b>So That the Tadpoles Have Something to Eat</b>
A mother frog lays eggs in a plant.		
A father frog guards the eggs.		

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- 5 Blue poison dart tadpoles have sticky mucus. How does this help them? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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- 6 What is the section with the header “Good Parents” about?
- Ⓐ how blue poison dart frogs care for their young
  - Ⓑ why blue poison dart frogs have poison
  - Ⓒ what blue poison dart frogs look like
  - Ⓓ where blue poison dart frogs live

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**Writing**

- 7 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- Ⓐ He sayed he would come over after lunch.
  - Ⓑ Mr. Chou gave me a new book yesterday.
  - Ⓒ My mom took the dog with her to work.
  - Ⓓ I ate dinner at Mandi's house.
- 8 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- Ⓐ I took a bowl of hot soup to the man.
  - Ⓑ She gave me a gift from her trip.
  - Ⓒ We tooked pictures on the boat.
  - Ⓓ They said we could go too.
- 9 Read the sentence. Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

The small dog put its saft paws on the log.

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**Writing**

- 10 Eva is writing a report about zebras. Read the paragraph from her report. Then complete the task that follows.

Zebras are amazing animals. They have black and white stripes. No two zebras have the same set of stripes. Zebras live in Africa. Zebras are always moving from place to place searching for grass and water.

The two underlined sentences came from a book about zebras. Rewrite the sentences to be in your own words.

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