

Three frogs

A traditional Chinese nursery rhyme and hand play.

A simple way to visualise multiplication. Addresses singular and plural.

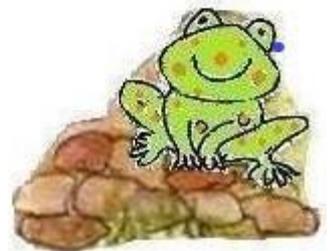
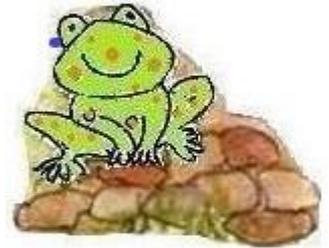
I have found many versions of this in both English and Chinese.

The translation and arrangement here is by Dany Rosevear based on this version sung in Mandarin: [Chinese – Three Frogs 三只青蛙 | King County Library System \(kcls.org\)](#)

To play as an action game: Practise jumping like frogs. Jump and make swimming motions. Hop like frogs around the room.

Hand play: see my video.

One frog, we know, has one mouth, Two eyes, four legs and no
tail. Big hop! Bel - ly - flop! In - to the pool. La, la, la, la,
La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la.



One frog, we know, has one mouth,

Two eyes, four legs and no tail,

Big hop! Bellyflop! Into the pool.

La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la,

La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la.

Two frogs, we know, have two mouths,

Four eyes, eight legs and no tail,

Big hop! Bellyflop! Into the pool.

La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la,

La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la.

Three frogs, we know, have three mouths,

Six eyes, twelve legs and no tail,

Big hop! Bellyflop! Into the pool.

La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la,

La, la, la, la, La, la, la, la.

一只青蛙，一张嘴，两只眼睛，四条腿，扑通，扑通跳下水，青蛙不喝水，太平年。

两只青蛙，两张嘴，四只眼睛，八条腿，扑通，扑通跳下水，青蛙不喝水，太平年。

三只青蛙，三张嘴，六只眼睛，十二条腿，扑通，扑通跳下水，青蛙不喝水，太平年！