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## Tap, tap, tap ...

**Frog thinks there's no one else in the forest, but you never know what's just around the corner ...**

Celebrated creator Anna Walker invites us to hear with our eyes as we follow frog on a rollicking escapade in this pitch-perfect pre-school soundscape.

**Anna Walker** is an award-winning illustrator and author of many picture books for children published around the world. Her books include *Florette*, which was a *New York Times*/*New York Public Library* Best Illustrated Book. Anna creates illustrations with watercolour, pencil, and collage. Her stories are inspired by the quiet and sometimes joyful details of life. She lives and works in Melbourne.

## A note from Anna Walker:

'When I was a child, sometimes we would find tiny frogs in the garden. They often looked like they were quietly smiling and then without warning they would leap away, which would give me a fright but was also funny!

The idea for *Snap!* began with the thought of a tiny frog tapping on a sleepy crocodile, jumping away with fright, and then continuing on an adventure. The idea made me laugh!

I am interested in the ways children explore the world, looking for connections, being brave, sometimes feeling afraid, pausing and hopping on, and their delight at discovering joy and friendship.

I hope the story of frog brings a smile to the little ones as it has done for me.'



## Discussion & Activities

### \* Before Reading

This book is about Frog. What do you know about frogs? What adventures do you think Frog will get up to in this book?



**Themes:** Visual literacy  
Language Play  
arts Adventure

### \* After Reading

*Snap!* is filled with onomatopoeias. An onomatopoeia is a word that mimics the sound that it's describing, like a crocodile going 'snap!' or water droplets going 'drip, drip'. Can you think of any other examples of onomatopoeias?

On the second last spread, the frogs are having a little party on the pond! Can you try drawing your own festive frog? What sounds would your frog make?

### \* There are lots of frogs hiding on the last page!

How many can you find?

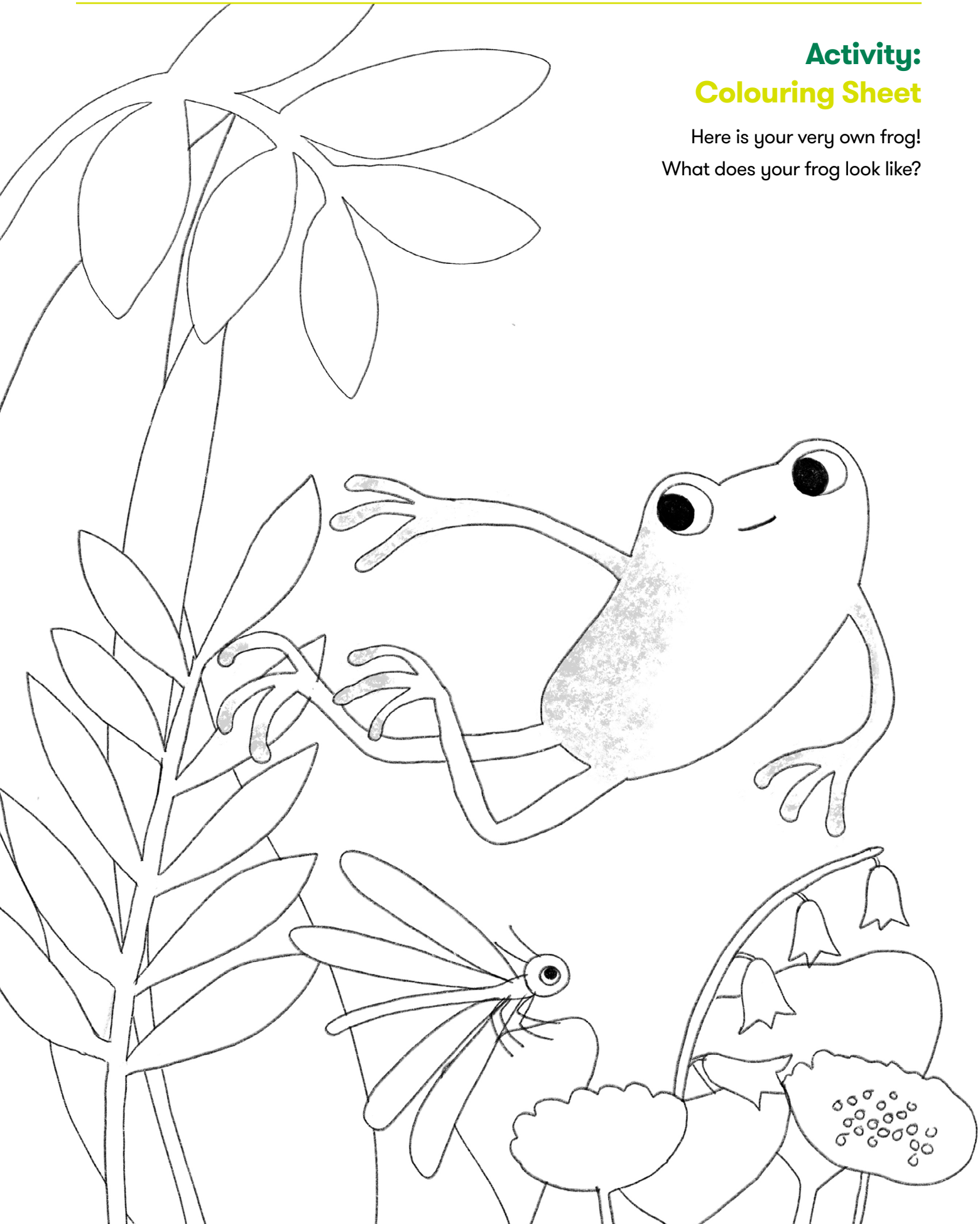


Answer: there are 16 in total!

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## Activity: Colouring Sheet

Here is your very own frog!  
What does your frog look like?





## Activity: Collage

Frog wonders who else in the forest...  
Cut out the plants to make your own  
collage and draw a friend for frog!

## Behind the scenes: Anna's sketches

Here is a sneak peek at Anna's working drawings and sketches before *Snap!* came to life as the book you are reading today.



**Above**

An early sketch for the endpapers



**Above**

The long-beaked bird was inspired by a John Olsen painting (below)



**Left**

Thumbnail sketches that became a very early storyboard

