

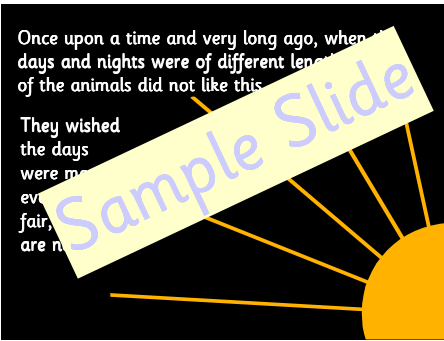


How the Frog got his Croak



Once upon a time and very long ago, when the days and nights were of different lengths, most of the animals did not like this.

They wished the days were more even, and the nights were fair, and they were not.



The animals got together and formed a committee to ask the Sun to make the days and nights more even.

There were many animals on the committee but two of the ones were Frog and Grizzly.



These two were the two chosen by the rest of the committee to question all the other animals and find out what they thought about the length of the days and nights.



Grizzly wanted one long day and one long night. He ate all day and slept all night. Long days and long nights seemed very logical to him.

Frog, on the other hand, wanted a short day and a short night.



Frog didn't live very long and he wanted his rest and feeding time to be spread out so he could enjoy them.



Grizzly was a big bully of a bear. He sauntered around, speaking to each of the animals about the length of the days and the nights.

Now, because he was a big animal, "Six months of day and six months of night" was showing him a way to do it.



He growled to Fox. He growled to Owl. He saw Fish, and he growled again.

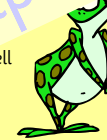
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Frog, on the other hand, was a sociable sort of fellow. He hopped from place to place to find out what the animals had to say.

It didn't matter to Frog what the length of the days and nights were.

Swimming was as well as during the day.



Fox preferred dawn and dusk and wanted many of those at fairly regular intervals.



Owl wanted a long day and a long night.



Periods of six months of day and six months of night were too long for Owl.

After listening to all of the animals, Frog returned to the committee to report. After Frog had reported, the committee looked around for Grizzly.

Of course, Grizzly, being a big bully, was sure that the rest of the animals would agree with his way to do it. He went to the committee to report.



The committee discussed all the possibilities and choices, taking into consideration the needs of all the animals surveyed. Then they decided.



Eagle was sent to tell the Sun of their decision.

The Sun agreed that their choice was possible and so he changed the day length to be what we know today.

The days in winter were short and slowly grew until midsummer would be just the opposite.

The days in summer were just the opposite of long in winter and short in summer.



Frog was so happy about his part in the decision that he hopped from place to place, croaking with a chirpy little voice, "One day, one night" he croaked.



He was so proud of himself and all the frogs who came after him were also proud. In fact, you can listen quietly just shortly after the sun sets and you may hear the frogs still croaking at night. One day, one night. One day, one night.

And when you hear a croak...

