

## Listen and speak

### Before you listen

1. Look at the picture on this page. Predict what the story is about.
  - a) Where do you think this story takes place?
  - b) Do these frogs look happy, sad or **anxious**?
  - c) What tells you how the frogs feel?
  - d) What do you think we can learn from animals?

### Listen

Listen as your teacher reads the story about the frogs.

### A lesson from a frog tale

Some frogs passed a deep pit when two of them fell in.

The two tried to jump out as the others shouted down to them. Their friends above told the two frogs to save their energy but they continued to jump until one dropped from **weariness** and died.

The other frog jumped as the others shouted at him to save his strength. He continued jumping until he jumped out of the pit.

They asked, "Why did you continue jumping when we told you it was impossible?"

Reading their lips, he said, "I am deaf. I saw you shouting and waving and thought you were cheering. It made me try harder."

Encouragement can help you to succeed against all odds.

### After you listen

- ✓ 1. Talk about the answers to these questions. Then write the answers in full sentences.
  - a) What characteristics does a good friend have?
  - b) Explain what the lesson of this story is.
  - c) How can this lesson benefit you?
  - d) What should you do if a friend **discourages** you?



#### Word list

**anxious** – a strong feeling of worry or fear

**weariness** – great tiredness

**discourages** – causes you to lose faith in yourself