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- ▶ Toads are _____ members of the order Anura and are characterized by dry leathery skin.
- ▶ Toads are only separated by frogs by common culture rather than scientific taxonomy.



APPEARANCE

- ▶ What separates frogs and toads is the toads _____ skin, that is covered in bumps often called warts.
- ▶ The bumps are not actually warts, nor are they an indication of disease or injury.
- ▶ No you can't catch warts from handling toads, it's a myth.



DIET

- ▶ Toads are carnivores.
- ▶ They will try to eat anything that moves.
- ▶ Prey mostly includes; flies, caterpillars, wood lice, worms, beetles and even small _____

PREDATORS

- ▶ _____
- ▶ Rodents
- ▶ Cats
- ▶ Birds



DEFENSE MECHANISMS

- ▶ Glands on the skin secrete a poison called _____.
- ▶ Toads take a defensive stand where they stand high with their rear in the air and head pointed down.



LIFE CYCLE

- ▶ Toads hatch from eggs as tadpoles.
- ▶ After two weeks they crawl out of the water to start their land based life.
- ▶ Takes _____ years for toads to reach maturity.



REPRODUCTION

- ▶ Females decide mates from the loudest croaking male.
- ▶ Croaks are essentially toad _____.
- ▶ Males mount the females in a form of mating called amplexus. , where the males fertilize the eggs as the female layers them.



HABITAT

- ▶ Toads live in damp, _____ climates
- ▶ Near ponds, lakes or other bodies of fresh water
- ▶ Toads _____ in winter, and mate in the spring.

TOADS IN CULTURE

- ▶ In Europe and North America toads were commonly associated with _____ and the devil.
- ▶ Toads were believed to be servants to witches, and used in spell recipes
- ▶ The Devils coat of arms has three toads on it.



RESOURCES

- ▶ <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toad>, 2/29/16
- ▶ https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_toad#Distribution_and_habitat 3/1/16