



Thinksheet

Rising 3rd Grade

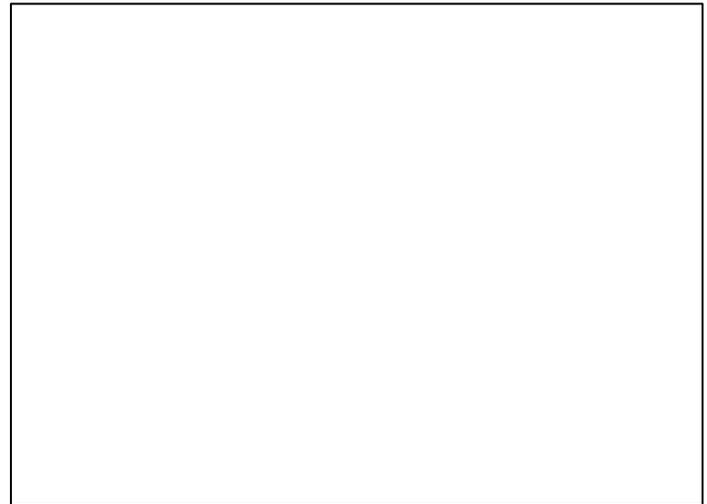
The Toad: Disgusting Critters by Elise Gravel

Animal Adaptations: Not everyone thinks that toads are “disgusting critters,” but these animals do have some very special traits, or characteristics. Add to the list below some of the toad’s traits and what purpose they may have.

Trait	Purpose
<i>Example: A toad releases toxins.</i>	<i>Example: The toxin can stop predators from eating it.</i>

Illustrations Support Understanding: Authors often use illustrations to support the meaning of the text, such as in this book, which utilizes amusing drawings, playful scenes, and “speech bubbles” to enhance the author’s tone and engage the reader. Did you notice Elise Gravel’s art?

You be an Illustrator: Create a new drawing that could be used to help a reader understand or engage with text from the book. Use text features such as labels, text boxes, and speech bubbles, including the page number where you would add the new illustration!



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Find and circle vocabulary words from the text in the puzzle below. Words can be found written in any direction. Are there any words that are new to you, and were you able to learn their definition from the text? Share with your adult.

Life Science Vocabulary		
bumps	disgusting	eggs
extinct	frog	hydrated
skin	mustache	pollution
prey	tadpoles	predator
toad	tongue	toxin

P F K S S E E M Y N S F L O G
Y Q V B U V U P E B I P I N B
Q T V G D S G O R F A K M T S
B P N R T Z A D P E A I S U L
U O N A T O X I N L D I S A B
T T C T C P L S P O P A L M Y
I H O Z Q O E G W K T C T Z U
E A N O Z L T U D U D N E O G
D Y G I O L D S Y Y Q X G C R
R H Z P N U C T E X T I N C T
H L D K F T O I T W T N E G L
B A X W J I O N S H X M D H S
T U R Q E O J G G T R T A F L
P O M W O N U P G F O V Y G P
D E T A R D Y H E O U O O F G



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