

Title: What Is the Difference Between a Frog and a Toad?

Content Area: Science

NSCOS or Common Core Objectives:

5.L.2 Understand the interdependence of plants and animals with their ecosystem
5.L.2.1 Compare the characteristics of several common ecosystems, including estuaries and salt marshes, oceans, lakes and ponds, forest, and grasslands.
5.L.2.2 Classify the organisms within an ecosystem according to the function they serve: producers, consumers, or decomposers (biotic factors)

Rationale/Relationship to the text:

David recalls quotes from the book *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel. Catherine shares all these Frog and Toad conversations. She knows the book as well as David, and she is totally supportive of this way David seeks comfort. Recall how she called her dad insisting that he buy a new tape of Frog and Toad immediately on his way home from work.

Instructions/Procedures:

Students research about frogs and toads. (Depending on how you want your students to do research will determine if students use computer or library books to conduct the research.) Record information onto the venn diagram

Materials:

Directions Worksheet
Venn Diagram Worksheet
Computers with internet access
Library books

Reference:

Lord, C. (2006). *Rules*. New York: Scholastic

allaboutfrogs.org/weird/general/frogtoad.htm

You are welcome to use this website. There are tons of websites out there that have information about frogs and toads.

Name: _____

Date: _____

What is the difference between a frog and a toad?

Directions: You will be working in groups two. You and your partner are to research about frog and toad. You can use the computer or library books. You will record all the notes about your animal onto this sheet. After you are finished with all your research then you will record the information onto the venn diagram.

When researching about frog or toad.....look for the following information.

What are the physical characteristics about a frog or a toad? For example, what is the difference between a frog's hind legs and a toad's hind legs? What is the texture of a frog's/a toad's skin?

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How does a frog/a toad lay her eggs?

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Does a frog/a toad have any teeth?

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What are the differences between a frog's and a toad's eyes? Does the eyes bulge out? Is there poison behind the eyes?

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What do frog eats?

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What do toad eats?

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