



Unusual Frogs of the World

Type of activity - Comprehension exercise



Who is it for? KS2 pupils. Links to Science - adaptation to habitat, food chains, value of biodiversity. English - comprehension and research.

What do I need?

- Unusual frogs fact file - which is a video from London Zoo (Zoological Society of London [ZSL]) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICqVmqOuGvw>

Introduction

April 29th is worldwide Save the Frog Day. Of the 7,000 species of frogs known to the world, one third are under threat of extinction. This film gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the Amphibian and Reptile House at London Zoo and what it is doing to help conserve species.

Here's how to...

Watch the video and look out for adaptations frogs have made for themselves and their young to survive, their place in the food chain and why they are important to humans.

Comprehension questions:

- How is information given about frogs in this video?
- Why is the Mountain Chicken frog given this name?
- What 3 things are threatening it with extinction?
- Why might the Waxy Monkey frog be particularly useful for humans?
- What habitat does it live in and what adaptation does it have?
- The Surinam toad looks like a dead leaf - why is this important?
- How does it keep eggs safe from predators?

Why do you think the Zoological Society keeps these animals in the zoo?

Do you think it is right that animals are kept in captivity in zoos? Write a few sentences as an argument **for** keeping them in captivity. Write a few sentences arguing **against** keeping them in captivity.

What now?

- Here is a video of another frog's amazing adaptation for catching prey: <https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities/whats-going-on/the-damselflys-day>
- **Think about...** Why are frogs important in the food chain?
- **Research** the Common frog on the internet: here's a link <https://www.froglife.org/info-advice/amphibians-and-reptiles/common-frog-2/> What is their prey? What animals are predators of this frog?
- Overall, which animal do you think is most destructive for frog species in the world?