

## MIX AND MATCH GAME

- Read the information posters on native toads and frogs.
- Cut out the following definitions and mix together.
- Match the correct definitions to the correct species.

Parents - make a mark on the back of each definition – so you know which species it belongs too!

### Common Toad

Dry warty skin
Usually grey-brown in colour
Prefer to crawl
Lay long, double row, strings of eggs
More adapted to stay without water and come to water only during their breeding seasons.
Broader and puffy body
Short legs for walking rather than hopping
Oval, horizontal pupil
Produce a toxin from their skin, which makes them distasteful to predators
Prefer deep water bodies for breeding
Tadpoles have a shorter tail and bulkier head
Call: high-pitched, rough “qwark-qwark-qwark”.

Common frog

Smooth, moist skin

Mottled shades of green, yellow or brown in colour

Distinct brown patch behind the eye

Move in springy leaps (hops)

Lay spawn in clumps

Narrow body and waist

Long legs (especially hind legs) used for hopping and fast swimming

Webbed toes

Oval, horizontal pupil

Call: soft repetitive croak

Breed in shallow water bodies such as puddles, ponds, lakes, and canals

Tadpoles are black when they hatch but develop light bronze speckles as they mature

Natterjacks

Have a yellow stripe down their back

Often run quite fast

Live in semi aquatic habitats

Call: a loud rasping rolling croak  
'errr...errr...errr'

Poor swimmers

Require warmer water in which to breed  
successfully

Lay long, single row, strings of eggs



Common Frog



Common Toad



Natterjack