

## Self-led ideas for schools to support Year of the Toad

### Year of the Toad

**In the last 30 years, common toads have declined by 68% in the UK**

This was the findings of a study published in 2016 by Froglife and partners from the University of Zurich. In response, Froglife have launched the Year of the Toad campaign to raise awareness of this dramatic decline, and to raise money for positive action. **And you can help!** We have developed some adaptable activities with a toady theme which you can do with your classes. Some are just ideas you can adapt for your group, and others have resources and examples you can download. Have a go, and let us know how you get on: [info@froglife.org](mailto:info@froglife.org) [@froglifers](https://www.instagram.com/froglifers) [facebook.com/froglife](https://www.facebook.com/froglife)

### Want to find out more?

Find out about toads here: [www.froglife.org/amphibians-and-reptiles/common-toad-2/](http://www.froglife.org/amphibians-and-reptiles/common-toad-2/)

Read a summary of the study here: [www.froglife.org/what-you-can-do/yearofthetoad/](http://www.froglife.org/what-you-can-do/yearofthetoad/)

Download Froglife's Dragon Finder app here: [www.froglife.org/dragonfinder/app/](http://www.froglife.org/dragonfinder/app/)

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Here's an information sheet about [common toads](#) and a [presentation](#) on frogs v's toads

## Activities

### Tuppence a Toad

If we had even a couple of pence for every toad our volunteers help cross the road, we would be able to save many more amphibians

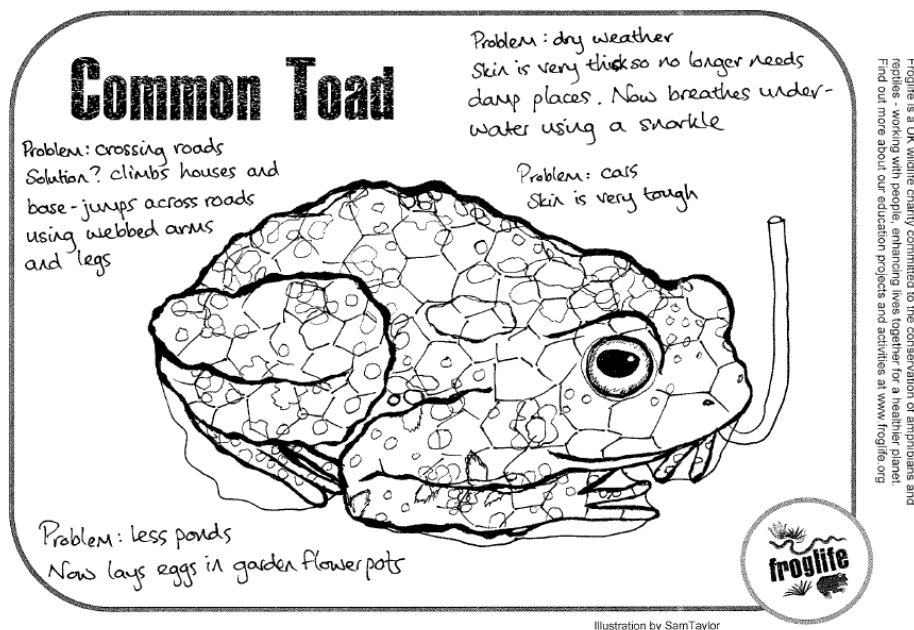
Your class could support the work Froglife do around Toads on Roads by:

- Encouraging people to donate their small change to our [Tuppence a Toad campaign](#)
- Putting on a fundraising event ([see our fundraising guide here](#))
- Find out if there is a [toad patrol](#) near you, and what your class could do the help



## Super-hero animals:

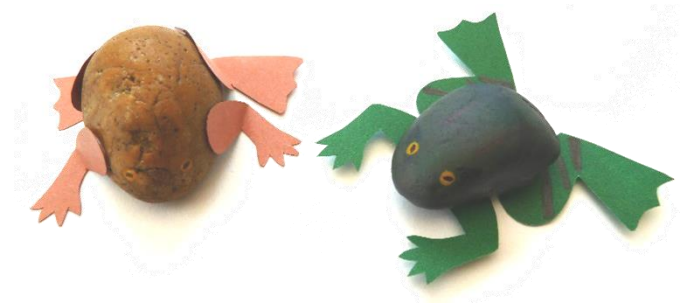
- Differentiated prompts, and example [toad](#) and [newt](#) provided
- Indoor activity
- Adapt a toad to cope with the [threats](#) that they are facing
- Use the [basic](#) or [detailed](#) prompts to help young people to think about the [problems toads are facing](#), and come up with ideas of how they might evolve to overcome them
- Annotate the [picture of a toad](#) with their superhero powers
- Take a photo and share it with Froglife
- Here's an example of a superhero toad



## Video challenge

- Shoot a 3 minute video about toads
- Indoor or outdoor activity
- Here are some ideas for a topic:
  - The [life-cycle of a toad](#)
  - The [problems that toads face](#), and [what people can do to help](#)
  - The [Toads on Roads](#) project
- Share your video with Froglife







## Natural art outdoors

- [Instructions provided](#)
- Outdoor activity
- Create a picture of a toad and frog outdoors using natural materials
- Look at Andy Goldsworthy's art for inspiration
- Take a photo and share it with Froglife
- Here's an example of a natural art common toad



## Build a toad home

- Instructions provided
- Needs tools and a workshop
- Use woodworking skills to create a [toad home](#) and put it in your garden
- Or create a [simpler toad abode](#) using a terracotta pot
- Take a picture of you making it and the finished thing and share it with Froglife

