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## Toxic Defenses: How Amphibians Use Their Poisons for Protection

### Short Answer Key

1. Poison dart frogs use their toxins for defense by secreting them through their skin when threatened.
2. Certain toads may inflate their bodies and release toxins from their skin when threatened.
3. Aposematism in amphibians serves the purpose of warning potential predators that they are toxic or dangerous.
4. Besides defense, some amphibians may use their toxins to deter potential threats such as curious humans.
5. It is important to avoid touching certain amphibians in the wild because their toxins can be deadly if ingested or handled improperly.

