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# A Toad's Tool

*By Neal Levin*

A toadstool is a toad's tool  
For keeping rather dry,  
For hiding from the raindrops,  
For sitting way up high,  
For scouting out the area,  
For bathing in the sun.  
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For having toad-all fun.



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  - b. what toads do when it rains
  - c. how toads play
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What does the underlined word mean?

- |   |   |
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\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------------|---|
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| 2. _____ toadstool | b. opposite of low                            |
| 3. _____ raindrops | c. small amphibian, similar to a frog         |
| 4. _____ high      | d. star closest to Earth                      |
| 5. _____ area      | e. place; piece of ground                     |
| 6. _____ hiding    | f. bits of water falling from the sky         |
| 7. _____ sun       | g. an umbrella-shaped fungus, like a mushroom |

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