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## The Purple Frog

Read the passage.

Until 2003, scientists did not know that the reclusive purple frog existed. It lives completely underground except for about two weeks a year. During monsoon season, the purple frog comes out. But when the rains are gone, the frog retreats into the ground.

The purple frog is a unique dark purple species of frog. Since it has a round, bloated body that is only seven centimeters long, it has been said to resemble a small doughnut. The frog's puffy white nose helps it stand out. The purple frog uses its hind legs to burrow into the ground. There it forages for food in the moist layers of the earth. One of its favorite foods is termites.



Circle the best meaning for each boldfaced word from the passage. Then list the clues from the passage and diagram that helped you.

1. **Reclusive** means    A. not a part of society    B. careless

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Monsoon** means    A. cold weather    B. period of heavy rainfall

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Retreat** means    A. to go back    B. to treat again

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Bloated** means    A. spotted    B. puffy or swollen

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Resemble** means    A. to put together    B. to look like

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Puffy** means    A. sickly    B. coming to a point

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Burrow** means    A. to dig    B. to borrow

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Forage** means    A. to make use of    B. to search for

Clues: \_\_\_\_\_