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## Answers:

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*Toxins are things found in nature (or created by humans) that can be harmful or poisonous to us.*

2. How does the poison arrow frog warn us that it is toxic?

*Poison arrow frogs are brightly colored, indicating that they are poisonous.*

3. Name three examples of man-made toxins.

*Gasoline, pesticides, chlorine bleach, paint thinner, chemicals used to make batteries, etc.*

4. What happens to us and other animals if dioxins are released into our drinking water and air?

*The toxins would get stored in our fatty tissues and could cause serious illness, cancer, or even death.*

5. What do you think you can do in your home to reduce the use of toxic chemicals?

*Use chlorine-free products, use biodegradable soaps, buy re-usable batteries, take toxic materials to the Hazardous Waste Facility.*