



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## DEADLIEST ANIMALS: BOX JELLYFISH

1. Write a sentence describing how box jellyfish hunt their prey.
2. Would you want to see a box jellyfish in real life? Why or why not?
3. Which part of a box jellyfish's body holds its venom?
  - A. its bell
  - B. its eyes
  - C. its tentacles
4. How could making prey unable to move keep a box jellyfish's tentacles safe?
  - A. The prey won't be able to see the tentacles.
  - B. The prey won't get stung by the tentacles.
  - C. The prey won't hurt the tentacles by trying to get away.



5. What does **freshwater** mean in the *Box Jellyfish* book?

***Adult box jellyfish mainly live in salty ocean water. But they also swim to freshwater rivers.***

- A. water that is salty, like the ocean
- B. water that is not salty
- C. water that flows through pipes

6. What does **instantly** mean in the *Box Jellyfish* book?

***Box jellyfish venom acts fast. It stuns or kills prey instantly.***

- A. after a long time
- B. with a loud noise
- C. right away



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: BOX JELLYFISH**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## DEADLIEST ANIMALS: CASSOWARY

1. Write a sentence describing how cassowaries look for food.
2. Would you want to see a cassowary in real life? Why or why not?
3. Which type of cassowary is the largest?
  - A. dwarf cassowary
  - B. northern cassowary
  - C. southern cassowary
4. What might happen to rain forests if cassowaries disappeared?
  - A. More types of plants would grow.
  - B. Fewer plants would grow.
  - C. Nothing would change.



5. What does **slashes** mean in the *Cassowary* book?

*The claw **slashes** the dingo. The dingo's body bleeds.*

- A. blocks
- B. closes up
- C. cuts open

6. What does **protect** mean in the *Cassowary* book?

*Instead, their feathers **protect** their bodies. They help block rain and sharp plants.*

- A. keep safe
- B. cause harm
- C. change shape



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: CASSOWARY**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. A





5. What does **bury** mean in the *Crocodile* book?

***Some bury their eggs in the ground. Others cover them with plants and dirt.***

- A. to dig a hole and hide something in it
- B. to splash water on something
- C. to guard and keep from harm

6. What does **usual** mean in the *Crocodile* book?

***Sometimes, hungry crocodiles bite people, too. But humans aren't their usual prey.***

- A. most common
- B. possible to see
- C. possible to catch





## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: CROCODILE**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## DEADLIEST ANIMALS: HIPPOPOTAMUS

1. Write a few sentences explaining why a hippo might attack.
2. Hippos soak in water to stay cool. How do you stay cool in hot weather?
3. How many species of hippos are there?
  - A. 2
  - B. 10
  - C. 20
4. Why would hippos stay in shallow waters?
  - A. Their eyes can't see in shallow waters.
  - B. Their legs can't kick in shallow waters.
  - C. Their feet can touch the bottom in shallow waters.



5. What does **appetites** mean in the *Hippopotamus* book?

*Hippos have big **appetites**. Adult hippos eat about 80 pounds (36 kg) of grass each day.*

- A. ways an animal can fight
- B. amounts an animal can eat
- C. types of fur an animal can have

6. What does **deadliest** mean in the *Hippopotamus* book?

*Hippos are one of the world's **deadliest** animals. They kill about 500 people in Africa each year.*

- A. most likely to kill
- B. most likely to die
- C. most likely to hide



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: HIPPOPOTAMUS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### DEADLIEST ANIMALS: POISON DART FROG

1. Write a few sentences describing the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Do you think blending in to hide from predators or using bright colors to warn them is a better defense? Why?
3. Which body part releases a poison dart frog's poison?
  - A. its feet
  - B. its skin
  - C. its tongue
4. What could happen if a poison dart frog stopped eating insects that contained poison?
  - A. The frog's body would make more poison.
  - B. The frog would no longer be poisonous.
  - C. The frog would attack more predators.



5. What does **cling** mean in the *Poison Dart Frog* book?

*The frogs' feet are sticky, too. Their pads can **cling** to plants.*

- A. to fall off
- B. to run past
- C. to hold on tightly

6. What does **wrestle** mean in the *Poison Dart Frog* book?

*Poison dart frogs often fight one another. Males **wrestle** to get mates or homes.*

- A. to grab and push
- B. to share space
- C. to share food



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: POISON DART FROG**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## DEADLIEST ANIMALS: SCORPION

1. Write a few sentences describing how a scorpion eats.
2. Do you think a scorpion would make a good pet? Why or why not?
3. Which body part helps a scorpion sense movement?
  - A. its pincers
  - B. its stinger
  - C. hairs on its body
4. Why would hiding in holes help scorpions stay cool?
  - A. The holes help scorpions find more food.
  - B. The holes help scorpions get more sunlight.
  - C. The holes keep the scorpions out of the hot sun.





5. What does **protects** mean in the *Scorpion* book?

*The exoskeleton covers its body. It **protects** the scorpion from predators.*

- A. shows something off
- B. keeps something safe
- C. keeps something warm

6. What does **deadliest** mean in the *Scorpion* book?

*The deathstalker is one of the world's **deadliest** scorpions. Its poison can kill humans.*

- A. very slow moving
- B. most likely to hide
- C. most likely to kill



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: SCORPION**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## DEADLIEST ANIMALS: STONEFISH

1. Write a few sentences describing how stonefish catch food.
2. Do you think running away or hiding is usually a better way to escape danger? Why?
3. Which body part releases a stonefish's poison?
  - A. its teeth
  - B. its skin
  - C. its spines
4. Why would having lots of eggs help stonefish survive?
  - A. More eggs means more babies will survive to become adults.
  - B. When stonefish lay eggs, they get stronger.
  - C. Stonefish mothers eat their eggs.



5. What does **release** mean in the *Stonefish* book?

*The sacs in the spines **release** poison. The predator gets a painful sting.*

- A. to take in
- B. to send out
- C. to float

6. What does **defends** mean in the *Stonefish* book?

*Stonefish don't use their poison on prey. Instead, it **defends** them from predators.*

- A. keeps quiet
- B. makes bigger
- C. keeps safe



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: STONEFISH**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## DEADLIEST ANIMALS: TAIPAN

1. Write a few sentences describing how a taipan hunts prey.
2. Which of a taipan's abilities do you find most impressive? Why?
3. What part of its body does a taipan use to smell?
  - A. its scales
  - B. its tongue
  - C. its fangs
4. Why do female taipans hide their eggs?
  - A. to make it harder for lizards or birds to eat them
  - B. to keep male taipans from finding them
  - C. to keep the eggs from hatching



5. What does **deadliest** mean in the *Taipan* book?

*It is the world's **deadliest** snake. Its poison can kill a human.*

- A. most likely to run away
- B. most likely to be eaten
- C. most likely to kill

6. What does **expand** mean in the *Taipan* book?

*The snake's ribs and skin stretch, too. They **expand** to let the snake swallow large prey.*

- A. to get bigger
- B. to get smaller
- C. to change color



## **ANSWER KEY FOR DEADLIEST ANIMALS: TAIPAN**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A