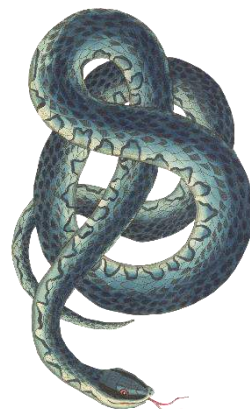


## Dangerous Animals

### Warm up:

- What animals do you like?
- Is your country famous for any animals?
- What animals are you scared of?
- Have you ever known anybody who had an unusual pet?
- What do you think some of the most dangerous animals in the world are?
- Do you know any interesting animal facts?
- What are the most dangerous animals or insects in your country?



### 1. Match the animal body parts with the words in the box

horns <i>e)</i>	fangs <i>g)</i>	claws <i>f)</i>	wings <i>b)</i>
tentacles <i>a)</i>	tail <i>d)</i>	paws <i>h)</i>	beak <i>c)</i>

a).....

b).....

e).....

c).....

d).....

f).....

g).....

h).....



2. Pairwork: with a partner read the animal facts below and match them to one of the animals in the box.

snails <i>c)</i>	koalas <i>e)</i>	fleas <i>g)</i>	sea wasp jellyfish <i>h)</i>
hippos <i>f)</i>	flamingos <i>a)</i>	rhinos <i>b)</i>	funnel web spiders <i>d)</i>

- This animal is actually not naturally pink. They are born grey, but turn pink because the algae they eat turns their feathers pink.
- This animals' horn is actually made of hair.
- It may surprise you to find out that this common creature has around 14,000 fangs!
- The venom from this crawling terror is strong enough to kill an adult within an hour, and their fangs are strong enough to bite through toenails, so check your shoes!
- Despite having paws (not hands), these animals have fingerprints that are so similar to ours that they were once mistaken for human fingerprints at a crime scene.
- These enormous creatures kill approximately 500 people a year in Africa, and are known for overturning boats.
- These little guys can actually jump 200 times their own body length.
- The venom of this animal is so strong that it only takes 0.00001 grams to kill a person, and all it takes is a touch from their tentacles to make that happen. And to make things worse, they're almost completely invisible!



3. Pairwork: discuss what you should and should not do in these situations. Use the phrases in the box to express your opinion.

I think the best course of action would be to...	It would be a bad idea to...
That would be unlikely to work because...	If that really happened to me I would...
It's a long shot, but you could...	I'm pretty sure in that situation you have to...

- You are riding your bike in the forest and get bitten by a snake.
- You are camping in the wild, and a grizzly bear approaches your camp.
- You are walking in the forest and get surrounded by wolves.
- You are hiking in the rainforest and a gorilla charges at you.

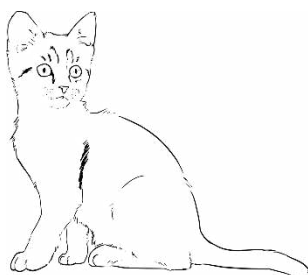
 4. Read through the advice for the situations in exercise 3. How many did you get right?


- In the event that you are bitten by a snake, always try to remember the colour and size of the snake, as it will help doctors treat the venom. Try to move as little as possible, as movement will spread the venom through your system much faster. Do not attempt to suck the venom out of the wound.
- If a grizzly bear approaches you in the wild, walk away but do not run. Avoid direct eye contact, and if the bear charges you, hold your ground. You cannot outrun it.
- If a pack of wolves approaches you in the wild, slowly back away while holding up your arms and making yourself appear as large as possible. Maintain eye contact at all times. Under no circumstances should you turn your back on them.
- If a gorilla charges you, your best bet is to roll up into a small non-threatening ball. Do not make eye contact, do not attempt to scare it off with loud noises.

 5. Use the verbs of movement in the box to complete the sentences below. You may have to change the form of the verb.

slither	climb	sprint	crawl
buzz	trot	stalk	pounce

- a) Cheetahs can *sprint* at up to 130 km/h.
- b) I couldn't sleep last night because a mosquito was *buzzing* around my room.
- c) Jenny froze as the snake slowly *slithered* past her.
- d) Both of my kittens love to *pounce* on me when I'm not looking.
- e) My horse likes to *trot* around the field a couple of times a day.
- f) Sometimes lions *stalk* their prey for hours before attacking.
- g) I left the cake in the kitchen, and when I got back there were ants *crawling* all over it.
- h) Black bears may not look like it, but they are actually very good at *climbing* trees.



 6. Pairwork game: think of any animal you know. Your partner can ask any “yes or no question” about the animal, but they must figure out what animal you are thinking of within 20 questions. You can google information about the animal if you do not know the answer.

Example questions:

*“Does it eat meat?”*

*“Does it have wings?”*

*“Is it dangerous?”*

*“Does it live in this country?”*



7. You are going to watch a video about the most dangerous animals in the world. The video contains the words in the box. Use the words to complete the sentences.

despite

flee

with ease

reputation

habitat

drown

prey

unpredictable

- a) Pigs have a *reputation* for being dirty, but most are actually quite clean.
- b) The natural *habitat* of buffalo is wide open grassland.
- c) *Despite* looking scary, tarantula spiders are harmless (to human beings at least).
- d) The wolf is the predator, and the rabbit is the *prey*.
- e) The buffalo will *flee* as soon as it spots a tiger.
- f) It is possible to *drown* in only a few inches of water.
- g) The weather here can be quite *unpredictable*, so take an umbrella even if it's hot.
- h) A polar bear can outrun a human being *with ease*, it wouldn't even be close.





8. Watch "[Top 10 Most Dangerous Animals in the World](#)"<sup>1</sup> and answer the questions.

a) What 2 groups of people are particularly at risk from deathstalker scorpions?

*Children and the elderly*

b) Which animal has the most powerful bite in the world?

*Saltwater crocodiles*

c) How fast can a hippopotamus run?

*20 miles/hour (32 km/h)*

d) Which animal has the nickname "the black death"?

*Cape Buffalo*

e) What are the two ways that box jellyfish venom can kill you?

*It can stop your heart or paralyse you so you drown.*

f) What does a black mamba snake normally do if it sees humans?

*It flees.*

g) Why are mosquitos the most dangerous animal on the planet?

*Because they spread diseases like malaria*

h) Did any of the animals on this list surprise you? Why?



9. Optional task/homework: all of the animals below are particularly strange or unusual. Choose one, research it, and present what you found to your class in the next lesson. You should describe what the animal is, where they live, what they eat, and any unusual facts you found about them.

- Platypus
- Blobfish
- Sloth
- Chameleon
- Narwhal
- Capybara
- Wombat
- Red panda

<sup>1</sup> <https://youtu.be/iqsh4PREmcM>