

- What do you WANT to discover about extreme encounters with wild animals?

Postreading

- Complete the student assessment and activities pages.
- Explain what you have LEARNed about extreme encounters with wild animals.



Quick Clips about Extreme Encounters

- A Komodo dragon's bite contains bacteria that eventually kill its prey, even if the prey animal gets away.
- The first thing a baby Komodo dragon does after hatching is climb a tree to get away from adult Komodo dragons, who will try to eat it.
- Scorpions eat younger scorpions, as well as their mates and anything else that gets close enough to eat.

- A scorpion's pincers are not legs. They are modified jaws.
- There are about 1,500 species of scorpion, and only 20 to 35 species are actually dangerous to humans.
- Some scorpions can live up to a year without eating, and most can go forever without drinking water.
- Scorpions glow under black light.
- An elephant herd is led by the oldest female, called the matriarch, and young males usually leave the herd.
- An elephant spends as much as twenty hours a day eating. An adult African elephant can weigh 10,000 pounds.
- Elephants can live to be 80 years old.

Teacher Resources



Cross-Discipline Resources

Social Studies www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/

www.atlapedia.com/

Math Use multiplication.

Science www.chaffeezoo.org/animals/fennec.htm

www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/carnivores/fennecfox.htm

Books and Web site

Komodo Dragons: Biology and Conservation. James B. Murphy, et al. (2002)

Encyclopedia of Insects and Arachnids. Maurice Burton (1985)

Bats: Biology, Behavior, And Folklore. Glover M. Allen (2004)

Lemur Biology. Ian Tattersall (1975)

www.animal.discovery.com

Student Resources

More About Extreme Encounters

Komodo Dragon. Edana Eckart (2003)

World's Weirdest Bats. M. L. Roberts (1996)

Welcome to the World of Bats. Diane Swanson (1998)

From Tadpole to Frog. Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld, Dwight Kuhn (2002)

The Fascinating World of Frogs and Toad. Maria Angels Julivert, F. Arridondo (1993)

Shadows in the Dawn: The Lemurs of Madagascar. Kathryn Lasky (1998)

www.extremescience.com/creatport.htm

animal.discovery.com/fansites/mostextreme/episode/episode_01.html

www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/galleries/extremeafrica

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