

Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions using details from the text.

Komodo Dragons: Island's Apex Hunter

Komodo dragons are the largest lizards in the world. They live on a few islands in Indonesia. These reptiles are powerful hunters, even though they look slow. They can grow up to 10 feet long and weigh more than 150 pounds.



Komodo dragons have a special way to find food. They use their long, forked tongues to "taste" the air. This helps them smell prey from far away. They can detect a meal up to 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) distant!



Once a Komodo dragon finds its prey, it uses a surprise attack. It has sharp, serrated teeth, much like a shark's. Their bite is not only strong, but their saliva contains many bacteria. This makes their bite very dangerous.

Even if prey escapes the first attack, it often gets sick from the bite. The dragon will then patiently follow the injured animal until it is too weak to fight. This makes the Komodo dragon a very effective and feared hunter on its islands.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What is the main idea of this passage?

- ☐ (A) Komodo dragons use their tongues to smell.
- ☐ (B) Komodo dragons are skilled hunters with special features.
- ☐ (C) Animals live on islands. ☐ (D) Komodo dragons are good swimmers.



(2) Which detail best supports the main idea?

- ☐ (A) Komodo dragons are the largest lizards.
- ☐ (B) They can grow up to 10 feet long.
- ☐ (C) They use their long, forked tongues to smell prey from far away.
- ☐ (D) Komodo dragons lay eggs.

(3) What would be the best title for this passage?

- ☐ (A) Largest Lizards ☐ (B) Tasting the Air
- ☐ (C) Komodo Dragons: Island's Apex Hunter ☐ (D) Animals of Indonesia

(4) Which sentence does NOT belong in this passage?

- ☐ (A) Komodo dragons use their tongues to find food.
- ☐ (B) Their bite is dangerous because of bacteria.
- ☐ (C) Komodo dragons can live for about 30 years.
- ☐ (D) They patiently follow injured prey.

(5) Write the main idea in your own words. Include one detail from the passage.



