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If you can't get the answers by watching the clips, see if you can find them elsewhere online.

Extended task: Pick one of the clips that particularly interests you and create your own fact file or poster based on what you can find out.

Reptiles & Amphibians: Introduction

- 1. What are some of the main types of reptiles living today?
- 2. In which country will you find a tuatara?
- 3. Describe a reptile egg.
- 4. How many species of reptile are there?
- 5. What do amphibians need in order to keep warm?
- 6. How do amphibians breathe?
- 7. How many species of amphibian are there?
- A reptile is a <u>vertebrate</u> animal with a body covered in tough scaly or horny skin. What do you think 'vertebrate' means?
- Amphibians <u>depend</u> on the sun for warmth. Replace the word 'depend' with another word that means the same thing.
- Do you like reptiles? Explain your answer.

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Biggest and Smallest'

- 1. Which is the biggest of the crocodile family?
- Do Saltwater crocodiles swim in the sea or in fresh water? Explain your answer.
- 3. Tell me 3 facts about the Komodo Dragon.
- 4. In what part of the world would you find the Reticulated Python?
- 5. True or false: the male anaconda is heavier than the female.
- 6. How long can a Chinese Giant Salamander grow?
- 7. Explain what an invertebrate is.
- It lives in streams and lakes and <u>preys</u> on creatures such as fish, worms, insects and snails. Replace the word 'preys' with another word that means the same thing.
- Which reptiles might you find in Indonesia?
- Which of these creatures would you least like to meet? Why?

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Poison and Venom'

- 1. True or false: the Inland Taipan will never attack humans.
- 2. How many species of snake are there in the world?
- 3. Explain how the Banded Sea Krait captures its prey.
- 4. What's the deadliest of all frogs and toads?
- 5. Name two species of venomous lizard.
- 6. What happens if a King Cobra is threatened?
- 7. Which is the longest venomous snake in the world?

- Is 'fierce snake' a good name for the Inland Taipan? Explain your answer.
- Most frogs and toads have at least some <u>toxins</u> produced by glands in their skin. What is your definition of the word 'toxins'?
- Which snake do you think is the most frightening? Explain your answer.

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Bizarre Bodies'

- 1. How do chameleons catch their food?
- 2. Give 2 reasons why a chameleon might change colour.
- 3. Which animal has special heat-sensitive pits on its head?
- 4. In which continent would you find the Gaboon Viper?
- 5. Why does a rattlesnake rattle its tail?
- 6. Which is the only salamander that lives within the Arctic Circle?
- 7. What is special about the Paradoxical Frog?
- Can you explain why the Gharial crocodile has over 100 teeth in its mouth?
- The Tokay Gecko has toes 'like Velcro'. What does this mean?
- Explain why the Gaboon Viper is so deadly.

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Deadly Hunters'

- 1. Which is the biggest of all freshwater turtles?
- 2. Can you explain how a Snapping Alligator Turtle catches its food?
- 3. True or False. A Boa Constrictor has a venomous bite.
- 4. When does a Boa Constrictor stop squeezing its prey?
- 5. Name three things that a Nile Crocodile might eat.
- 6. How many teeth can an American Alligator have in its jaws?

- 7. True, False or Can't Tell: The Nile Crocodile is the most dangerous of all crocodiles.
- Those in <u>captivity</u> have been known to live for 70 years. What does the word 'captivity' mean?
- The crocodile then eats at leisure. What does this mean?
- Explain what happens after a Boa Constrictor swallows its prey.

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Staying Safe'

- 1. Can you explain how a Sharp Ribbed Salamander defends itself?
- 2. How long will the salamander grow to?
- 3. Which lizard eats ants and other insects?
- 4. What is the Horned Lizard's secret weapon?
- 5. True or False: All lizards shed their tail when caught.
- 6. Where does the Spitting Cobra's venom come from?
- 7. Which part of the body does the Spitting Cobra aim for when it attacks?
- This salamander is a fierce <u>predator</u>. What does the word 'predator' mean?
- Is the Stinkpot Turtle well-named? Explain your answer.
- Which of the animals can puff up its body to twice its usual size?

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'On The Move'

- 1. How fast can the Black Mamba travel?
- 2. Which lizard has flaps at the side of its body that spread out like a parachute when it leaps into the air?
- 3. Tell me two facts about the Draco Lizard.
- 4. Which lizard can walk on water?
- 5. True or False: the Basilisk Lizard can swim.
- 6. Where might you find a Sidewinder snake?
- 7. What things might a Green Pit Viper eat?
- The Green Pit Viper is an expert climber and uses its <u>prehensile</u> tail to hold on..... What does the word 'prehensile' mean?
- Which snake in this chapter is the most fearsome? Explain your answer.
- What's the main difference between a Draco Lizard and a Basilisk Lizard?

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Family Life'

- 1. How does an American Alligator keep her eggs safe?
- 2. Explain what happens when an alligator hatches from its shell.
- 3. How long is a baby alligator when it is first born?
- 4. How long do Python eggs incubate for?
- 5. True or False: the Python looks after her young snakes for the first year of their lives.
- 6. Is a Poison Dart Frog a lizard or an amphibian?
- 7. What is special about the tadpoles of the Poison Dart Frog?
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- They guard their eggs and keep them moist. Replace the word 'moist' with a different word which means the same thing.
- Tell me an interesting fact about either a Darwin's Frog or the Mallorcan Midwife Toad.

Reptiles & Amphibians: 'Favourite Foods'

- 1. How many ants can the Thorny Devil lizard eat in one meal?
- 2. Explain how the Thorny Devil catches the ants.
- 3. Which are the largest turtles of all?
- 4. What does the Leatherback Turtle mainly eat?
- 5. True or False: the Leatherback Turtle has teeth as sharp as scissors.
- 6. Tell me what things a Komodo Dragon might eat?
- 7. How long can the Marine Iguana stay underwater for?
- Where do you think you might find a wild Komodo Dragon?
- Describe how the Thorny Devil keeps itself hydrated.
- Why must the Marine Iguana bask in the sun after being in the water?

