

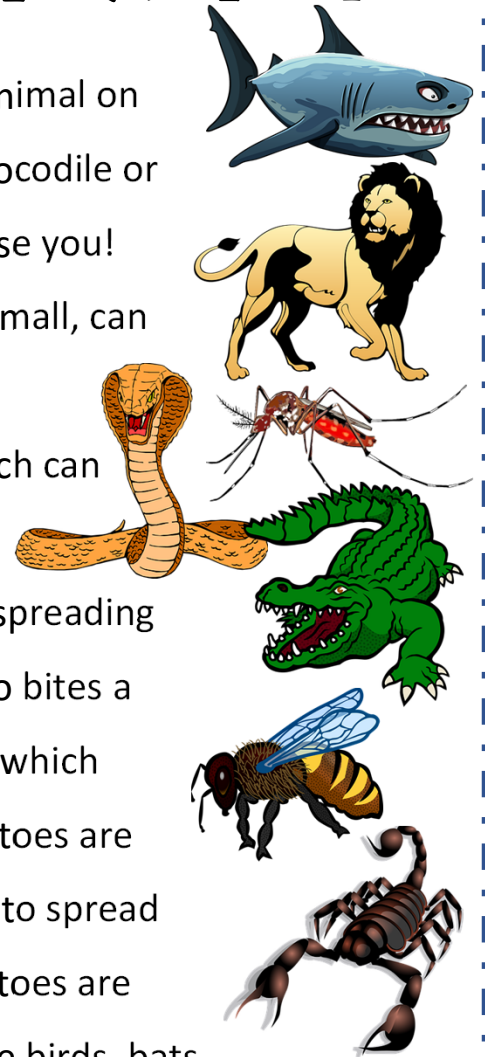
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The Most Dangerous Animal

Have you ever thought about what the most dangerous animal on earth is? Most people think it might be a lion, a tiger, a crocodile or a snake. The most dangerous animal on earth, may surprise you! It is actually the mosquito! The mosquito, although very small, can spread many very deadly diseases like malaria, Zika virus, yellow fever and many different types of encephalitis which can be a deadly type of swelling in the brain. Mosquitoes are found all over the world and they are responsible for spreading diseases from one continent to another. When a mosquito bites a person, it can inject germs into the person's bloodstream which can make people sick and can even cause death. Mosquitoes are a major threat to the health of people due to their ability to spread so many very serious diseases all over the world. Mosquitoes are considered a pest even though they provide food for some birds, bats and other animals but due to their ability to transmit dangerous diseases, they are pests.

There are many ways you can protect yourself from mosquitoes, you can wear long-sleeved shirts and pants. You can also use an insect repellent. Lastly, you should also stay away from standing water which is a known spot for mosquitoes to breed. Mosquitoes might be small, but they can be deadly. This is why mosquitoes are considered the most dangerous animal on earth.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.



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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. The most dangerous animal on earth is a:**
 - a. snake
 - b. bee
 - c. mosquito

- 2. The most dangerous animal on earth:**
 - a. is only found in North America
 - b. spreads diseases
 - c. bites hard

- 3. Mosquitoes are found:**
 - a. only in North America
 - b. all over the world
 - c. only in standing water

- 4. How can you protect yourself from mosquitoes?**
 - a. wear long sleeves and pants
 - b. stay away from standing water
 - c. use an insect repellent
 - d. all of above

- 5. Mosquitoes are considered to be pests:**
 - a. true
 - b. false

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. What makes mosquitoes the most dangerous animal on earth?
 2. What experience do you or someone you know have with mosquitoes?
 3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
 4. What images go through your mind as read about the most dangerous animal?
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- Were you surprised by mosquitoes being the most dangerous animal on earth? Why or why not?
 - How do mosquitoes transmit deadly viruses and diseases?