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Earth's Most Dangerous Animal

Have you ever wondered what the most dangerous animal on earth is? Many people think it may be the tiger, crocodile, snake, or lion. However, the most dangerous and deadly animal on earth is the Mosquito. This small, flying insect is responsible for more human deaths than any other animal. Mosquitoes can spread a number of serious diseases, including malaria, yellow fever, dengue, and various forms of encephalitis. These diseases can cause serious illness, disability, and even death. Mosquitoes are also a nuisance, as their bites can be very itchy and cause irritation.

Mosquitoes are able to spread these diseases due to their ability to carry and transmit parasites and viruses. These parasites and viruses can be injected into the body through a mosquito bite, and can then be spread to other people and animals. Mosquitoes are also able to transmit these diseases over long distances, making them a major threat to human health. Mosquitoes can be found all over the world, and have been responsible for the spread of diseases from one continent to another.

In order to minimize the risk of infection, it is important to take measures to reduce the number of mosquitoes in areas where people live, as well as to use insect repellents when travelling. To avoid getting bit by a mosquito, avoid going outside when mosquitoes are active which is usually at dusk or dawn. It is also advisable to wear light colored and long sleeved clothing and pants outdoors. Finally, avoid standing water which is where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs.

In summary, mosquitoes are the most dangerous and deadly animal due to their ability to spread a number of serious diseases, including malaria, yellow fever, dengue, and various forms of encephalitis. Mosquitoes are also a nuisance, as their bites can cause irritation and itching. It is important to take measures to reduce the number of mosquitoes in areas where people live, as well as to use insect repellents when travelling, in order to reduce the risk of bites and infection.

1. Read the passage about "Earth's Most Dangerous Animal"
2. Underline any word or sentence you don't understand.
3. Answer the questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **The mosquito is responsible for more human deaths than any other animal:**
 - a. false
 - b. true

2. **Mosquitoes carry and transmit:**
 - a. infections
 - b. bacteria
 - c. parasites and viruses

3. **Mosquitoes can be found:**
 - a. all over North America
 - b. all over the world
 - c. North and South America

4. **Mosquitoes are most active:**
 - a. between dawn and dusk
 - b. at dawn and dusk
 - c. after dawn and dusk

5. **Mosquitoes like to lay their eggs:**
 - a. in standing water
 - b. on humans
 - c. at dawn and dusk

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Open Response Questions

Open response questions for thinking skills:

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

- 1. What is the main idea of this reading passage?**
- 2. How has reading this reading passage impacted you and your thoughts?**
- 3. In 3 sentences, summarize Earth's most dangerous animal.**
- 4. What comes across your mind as you are reading this passage?**

- 5. What advice can you give to individuals who want to avoid getting bitten by a mosquito or being infected by one?**
- 6. What do you think should be done to control the mosquito population?**