

Answers - Stage 6 - Crocs vs Alligators:

Accept answers that cover the following points:

- Alligators only show their upper teeth, crocodiles show them all.
- Alligators have short, rounded snouts, crocodiles have longer, thinner snouts.
- Crocodiles live longer
- They both prefer to live and hunt in water and perform a death-roll to kill their prey.
- They can sense when prey moves in the water.
- Crocodiles are much more likely to attack than alligators

R: Central and South America

V: Equally

R: The Florida Everglades

R: Caiman

I: Alligators because they are lazier and less likely to attack unless they are hungry

Answers - Stage 6 - Here Be Dragons:

1. Roams
2. They move slowly and heavily
3. For this reason
4. Parthenogenesis
5. They only eat meat

R: 30°C

I: They prefer to eat animals that are already dead or dying, and they lie in wait on trails for animals to walk past

S: They bite the victim and wait for them to bleed to death before eating them

S: They can breed without males, which produces offspring which can suffer from gene problems and mutations.

E: It is a new/tricky piece of vocabulary

Answers - Stage 6 - Scaly Facts:

1. Bearded dragons
2. Green iguana
3. 8 km/h
4. 24 inches
5. Madagascar

I: They are fast, aggressive and very venomous

V: Adept

V: Equivalent

V: Notorious

S: Bearded dragon, leatherback turtle, black mamba

## Answers - Stage 6 - Snakes Alive!:

1. Villain
2. Behemoth
3. The author thinks it is very heavy
4. It captures the complete attention of people
5. Tighten or restrict something

S: It squeezes tighter each time the animal breathes out, eventually stopping it from breathing in again

R: Reticulated python

R: Burmese pythons

S: The eyes and nostrils on the top of the head mean that it can lie in wait in the water until something goes past

I: They lived so long ago and there are only fossils to work with now

Answers - Stage 6 - Venomous Snakes:

1. Boomslang
2. The inland taipan
3. King cobra
4. Eastern brown snake
5. Procoagulants

S: Poisonous animals use their toxins as a defence mechanism, whereas venomous ones use it for attack. Poisons are ingested whereas venom is injected.

V: Subdue

I: You are likely to be dying from its bite - accept similar variations.

I: They camouflage themselves as branches by hanging from them.

V: Motionless