

A big animal is chasing you and wants to eat you. What do you do? Watch this clip to see how a cobra protects itself.

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can check the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... cunning | a. poison that is produced by an animal and used to kill or injure another animal |
| 2..... to flick | b. the action of pushing against something |
| 3..... venom | c. to limit, or keep under control |
| 4..... pressure | d. to move with a quick, sharp motion |
| 5..... to restrain | e. clever |
| 6..... defence | f. an animal that is hunted or killed by another animal for food |
| 7..... prey | g. physical or other injury or damage |
| 8..... harm | h. the act of keeping away danger or attack |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The snake flicked venom in the mouth of the reporter, Steve. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | If the snake's venom touches a person's skin, it can be deadly. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Steve restrained the snake's head. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Playing dead is this snake's last line of defence. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Steve killed the snake. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best word to complete these sentences.

- Steve said the snake's venom tasted like **poison / rust / fire** .
- Steve put pressure on the snake's head in order to **harm the snake / restrain the snake / defend himself against the snake** .

3. Steve said the snake was cunning because **the snake flicked venom / the snake was aggressive / the snake played dead** .
4. The snake plays dead by **staying completely motionless / being aggressive / spitting venom** .
5. An animal that gets too close to the snake **is clever / will get a nasty surprise / will play dead** .
6. The snake is deadly to humans if it **bites them / plays dead / chokes them** .

3. Check your understanding: ticking

Tick all the places the snake flicks venom in the video.

.....	Steve's arm	Steve's head
.....	Steve's blood	The camera
.....	Steve's mouth	Prey

4. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – verbs

Complete the gaps with a verb from the box.

feels	bites	leaves	enters	spits
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1. The venom of the snake isn't deadly unless it _____ the bloodstream.
2. If a predator attacks, the rinkhals _____ venom at it.
3. When a rinkhals _____ threatened, it plays dead.
4. If a predator doesn't eat dead prey, it _____ the snake alone.
5. The snake _____ the predator if it tries to come close.

Are you an animal lover?

What animals are you afraid of?

What dangerous animals can you find in your country?

Would you like dangerous pet like a snake or spider?