Do you like snakes? If you’re scared of snakes you may not want to watch this puff adder in action. It’s incredible though!

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

### Preparation: Check your understanding

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

1. to flicker
2. tongue
3. to focus
4. fangs
5. a dagger
6. to strike
7. venom
8. a stiletto

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<td>to concentrate</td>
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<td>long sharp teeth</td>
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<td>a thin pointed high heel of a ladies shoe</td>
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<td>to make small quick movements</td>
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<td>part of the body inside the mouth that helps with eating and swallowing food</td>
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### 1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. When the puff adder’s tongue is flickering in the air, its body is drawn back into a classic ...
   a. 'c' shape.  
   b. 's' shape.  
   c. 'o' shape.

2. When the snake is shaped like an 's', it has the possibility to extend then ...
   a. to strike.  
   b. to focus.  
   c. to open.

3. When the puff adder’s mouth is opened, the sheath that covers the fangs ...
   a. is extended.  
   b. is exposed.  
   c. is hidden.

4. The long fangs act like ...
   a. tiny shiny daggers.  
   b. tiny silver daggers.  
   c. tiny stiletto daggers.
5. The very long fangs __________ into the balloon.
   a. knifed  
   b. cut  
   c. sliced

6. Once the snake has pumped venom into its prey, it retreats and …
   a. lets go.  
   b. eats it.  
   c. carries it away.

Discussion
Do you like snakes?
What's the scariest creature you've ever seen?

I think …
I like/don’t like …
I’ve seen …

Vocabulary Box
Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.