

The world's most  
atrocious animals:  
or are they?  
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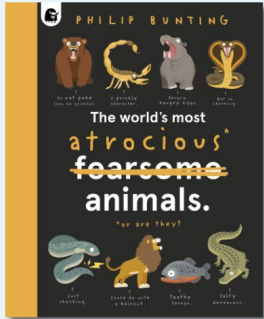
# BOOK TALK CARDS



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## THEMES:

- Fear
- Characteristics
- Adaptions
- Perceptions
- Appearance



## ABOUT THE BOOK

A humorous look at the some of nature's more quirky predators and dangerous animals from around the world. Meet murder hornets, blue-ringed octopuses, electric eels and more!



## TIME TO TALK



- The animals we fear most are not always the biggest. What makes us afraid of certain animals? Which animals do you fear?
- Grizzly bears will sometimes even eat other bears – how does this add to their reputation as an atrocious animal?
- Which animal do you think has the most fearsome name?
- In what way is a hippo or the blue-ringed octopus surprising? How do the judgements we make about animals (or people) based on their appearance sometimes not help us to make good decisions?
- Look at some of the countries in the world that the animals featured come from. Which country do you think has the most dangerous animals?
- Ambush, screeching, colossal, sneaking, lunge: these are all adjectives that are used in the book to help add to our view of these animals as frightening. Can you spot any more adjectives persuading us in this way? Can you think of any yourself?
- If you could design your own animal, using some of the fearsome characteristics we have learned about in this book, which would you choose? Draw the animal so we can see what it would look like.
- Why might humans be especially afraid of the Crowned eagle?
- Do you think the animals on land, in the sea or in the air are the most scary? Why is this?
- Which animal do you think looks the most frightening? Is it actually the most dangerous?

## TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

