

The Yellow-Spotted Lizard

Mixed questions

1. According to the text, how many times would an adult human need to be bitten – for the injury to be fatal.

2. Look at page 1.

Give **two** facts that you are told about the lizards' spots.

1. _____

2. _____

3. Tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

The yellow spots are a warning to predators.

The lizards' venom is classed as one of the world's most toxic substances.

The average length of these lizards is 25cm (excluding their tail).

This reptile lays eggs to reproduce.

True

False

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4. Which continent has no lizards living on it?

Marks

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1 mark

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2 mark

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1 mark

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1 mark



5. Why would you **not** want to count the lizards' spots?

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1 mark

6. Why is the hunting style of the yellow-spotted lizard described as vicious? Tick **one**.

- ☐ They hunt alone
- ☐ They eat many beetles
- ☐ They kill with just one bite
- ☐ They protect their territory

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7. Give **two** reasons why the yellow-spotted lizard is classed as more dangerous than rattlesnakes or scorpions.

1. _____

2. _____

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2 mark

8. Why do scientists find it difficult to study these lizards? Tick **one**.

- ☐ They hide in their homes.
- ☐ Once they find their preferred habitat, they rarely leave.
- ☐ They are too poisonous to get close to.
- ☐ Their locations are unknown.

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1 mark

9. In the 'Habitat' section, the creature is described as '**solitary**'.

This means that the yellow-spotted lizard... Tick **one**.

- ☐ travels in groups.
- ☐ is sociable.
- ☐ lives alone.
- ☐ lives with its mate.

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1 mark

10. Look at page 3.

Find and **copy one word** which suggests that the yellow-spotted lizard will defend their homes.

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1 mark

11. Write down **two** words which suggest that yellow-spotted lizards are dangerous.

1.

2.

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2 mark

12. 'Their vicious hunting style...'

In this sentence, the word **vicious** is closest in meaning to... Tick **one**.

- ☐ thoughtful
- ☐ calm
- ☐ fair
- ☐ brutal

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1 mark

13. Look at page 3.

Why might the yellow-spotted lizard **not** live in Antarctica?

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1 mark

14. Why are very few yellow-spotted lizards traded as illegal pets?

Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

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3 mark



15. Yellow-spotted lizards would describe 'onion blood' as what? Tick **one**.

- ☐ delicious
- ☐ repulsive
- ☐ dangerous
- ☐ poisonous

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1 mark

16. Look at page 1.

Find and **copy one word** which suggests that the yellow-spotted lizard sleeps during the daytime.

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1 mark

17. The yellow-spotted lizard is described as a 'highly venomous creature'.

Tick the word closest in meaning to **venomous**. Tick **one**.

- ☐ poisonous
- ☐ aggressive
- ☐ nasty
- ☐ dangerous

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1 mark

18. Look at page 1.

Find and **copy a word** which implies that this creature is one of a kind.

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1 mark

19. 'Curiously jutting out of their sinister mouths...'

What does the word **sinister** mean in this sentence?

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1 mark

20. Write down **three** things that you are told about the lizards' preferred environment.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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2 mark

21. What food will the yellow-spotted lizards avoid?

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1 mark

22. According to legend, being bitten is a certainty if... Tick **one**.

- ☐ a lizard lives nearby.
- ☐ you are close enough to count the spots.
- ☐ their nest is disturbed.
- ☐ they are kept as pets.

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