

Komodo Dragon

Story 15

Review Key Words

cave	a large opening in a rock
lizard	a four-legged reptile with scales
kill	to cause death
tail	thin part of an animal that sticks out from its back

Write a Prediction



Read the Story

5 The Komodo dragon looks like
13 the dinosaurs from long ago. It is the
22 largest lizard that is still alive. It is a
29 part of the oldest group of living
lizards.

30 The Komodo dragon grows to be
36 10 feet long. It weighs about 360
43 pounds. Small scales are on its body.
50 Its long tail can kill an animal with
58 one **blow**. The Komodo dragon has
64 sharp teeth. It eats wild pigs and
71 deer. The mouth of the dragon is red.

79 The tongue is long and forked. Its
86 brain is only as big as a nut.

94 The Komodo dragon digs a cave
100 with its strong claws. During the day
107 it hunts for food. At night it hides in
116 a cave.

118 The Komodo dragon lives on the
124 small islands of Indonesia. It is
130 found mostly on the island of
136 Komodo. That is how it got its
143 name.
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Cold Timing Score: _____ Final Timing Score: _____