

A Very Talented Lizard

A

A lizard called a Basilisk lizard lives in the rainforests of South America. This is a great place for them to live because there is a lot of tasty food. Basilisk lizards consume plants, insects, snakes, and birds for food. But they have to watch out because other animals will eat them too!

B

Basilisk lizards are very talented. This means that they can do things that help them stay safe and live longer. For example, they are good at climbing trees. They can climb trees to get away from other animals. Some animals want to eat them! Basilisk lizards have green skin so they can hide behind leaves. This helps keep them safe and secure from birds that want to gobble them up.

C

Another neat trick of the Basilisk lizards is that they can run across water! If a Basilisk lizard is scared, it will stand up on its back legs and run. They can stay on top of the water because they move so fast and they have special feet. Also, they have skin between their toes called webbing. This webbing helps them stay floating on top of the water because their toes are stuck together like a flipper! Sometimes they can run up to 15 feet across the water. This helps them stay alive!

D

A Basilisk lizard is a great swimmer. It can also get away from danger by swimming under water. These lizards can hold their breath for up to 30 minutes. This means they can stay under water until the the danger is gone. But they need to be careful because a fish may find them and eat them as a tasty treat!

RI.3.1

1. Write three questions where the answer could be found in the text. Then find the answer to your question and color it.

1. _____

Color the answer to your question 

2. _____

Color the answer to your question 

3. _____

Color the answer to your question 

2. Why do Basilisk lizards need special talents?

Complete Sentences	Cite the Evidence	Restate the Question
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RI.3.10

3. Write one WORD to summarize the following paragraphs:

C _____ D. _____

4. Underline three important words in the text.

5. Summarize three special talents of Basilisk lizards.

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RI.3.2

6. Write one WORD that describes the main idea of the text: _____

7. What are three key details in the text that support the main idea?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

8. Describe HOW one of these key details supports the main idea.

RI.3.4

9. Find the underlined word, consume in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

10. Find the underlined word, webbing in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

RI.3.8

II. Read Paragraph D.
This paragraph has a cause and effect relationship.

Color the CAUSE 

Color the EFFECT 

Describe the connection between Basilisk lizards swimming under water and how this can be dangerous.

