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CODE READER™

Making Difficult Words Easy

Code Reader Books provide codes with “sound keys” to help read difficult words. For example, a word that may be difficult to read is “unicorn,” so it might be followed by a code like this: unicorn (*YOO-nih-korn*). By providing codes with phonetic sound keys, Code Reader Books make reading easier and more enjoyable.

Examples of Code Reader™ Keys

Long a sound (as in make):

a (*with a silent e*) or **ay**

Examples: able (*AY-bul*); break (*brake*)

Short i sound (as in sit): **i** or **ih**

Examples: myth (*mith*); mission (*MIH-shun*)

Long i sound (as in by):

i (*with a silent e*) or **y**

Examples: might (*mite*); bicycle (*BY-sih-kul*)

Keys for the long o sound (as in hope):

o (*with a silent e*) or **oh**

Examples: molten (*MOLE-ten*); ocean (*OH-shen*)

Codes use dashes between syllables (*SIH-luh-buls*), and stressed syllables have capital letters.

To see more Code Reader sound keys, see page 42.



Strange Creatures

(KREE-churz)



TREASURE **BAY**

Strange Creatures

A Code Reader™ Chapter Book

Green Series

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Poison Dart Frog

Poison dart frogs are one of the world's most toxic, or poisonous (*POY-zuh-nuhs*), animals! They are brightly colored and very tiny.



1 inch



Most poison dart frogs are only 0.5–1.5 inches long.

They live in rainforests in Central (*SEN-trul*) and South America. They like warm, tropical (*TRAH-pih-kul*) habitats.

habitat: the home of an animal that has the things it needs to live



Their bright colors warn other animals not to eat them because they are toxic.



Warning:
Poisonous!



toxic: harmful or poisonous

They can live for 3–15 years.
Poison dart frogs are

INSECTIVORES

(in-SEK-tuh-vorz).

They use their long, sticky tongues (*tungz*) to catch flies and other small bugs.



Komodo Dragon

The **Komodo dragon** (*kuh-MOH-doh DRAG-un*) is known as the “king of the lizards.”

They are the largest and heaviest (*HEV-ee-est*) lizards in the world!

Komodo dragons can grow over 9 feet long and weigh (*way*) 150–250 pounds.



Komodo Island (*I-land*)

They live in Indonesia (*in-doh-NEE-zhuh*), with the biggest group living on Komodo Island.



900 ft

Their ability to see things that are far away is awesome (*AW-sum*)! They can see things up to 900 feet away.



Komodo dragons are

CARNIVORES

(*KAR-nih-vorz*).

They use their forked tongues (*tungz*) to smell prey (*pray*), as they hunt.

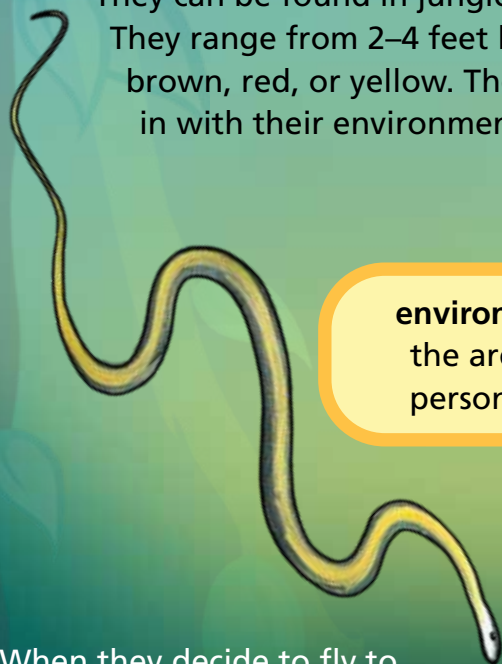
If they choose (*chooz*) to, they can run very quickly: up to 13 miles per hour.

Flying Snake

Flying snakes live in Southeast Asia (*AY-zhuh*).

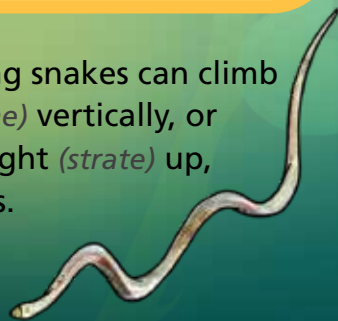
They can be found in jungles (*JUNG-guls*) and forests.

They range from 2–4 feet long. They are green, brown, red, or yellow. These colors help them blend in with their environment (*en-VY-urn-ment*).



environment (*en-VY-urn-ment*):
the area (*AIR-ree-uh*) where a person, plant, or animal lives

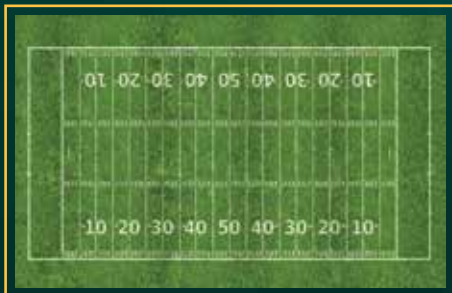
Flying snakes can climb (*klime*) vertically, or straight (*strate*) up, trees.



When they decide to fly to another location (*loh-KAY-shun*), they form a "C" or "J" shape with their bodies, flatten much of their body, and jump!

These snakes can fly or glide up to 300 feet. That is the length (*lanth*) of a football field (*feeld*)!

300 ft



Blobfish

Blobfish are nicknamed the “world’s ugliest fish.” They live four thousand feet below the ocean’s (*OH-shunz*) surface.

The blobfish has a big head and jelly-like body.



A BLOBFISH CAN LIVE TO BE 130 YEARS OLD!

High pressure (*PREH-shur*) deep in the ocean keeps the blobfish in a more fish-like shape. At the surface, the blobfish collapses into a blob-like shape.



It’s a good thing the blobfish does not have predators (*PREH-dih-turz*) chasing it, because it is a very slow-swimming fish. To eat, they wait for prey like crabs and shrimp to sink, sniffing them out with their big flabby noses.



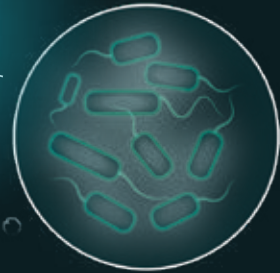
WORLD'S UGLIEST FISH!

Anglerfish



**ANGLERFISH
ARE CARNIVORES!**

carnivore (*KAR-nih-vor*): an animal that eats other animals



glowing bacteria
(*bak-TEER-ee-uh*)

Anglerfish are **BONY** (*BOH-nee*) fish. Females (*FEE-mails*) have something called an **esca** (*ES-cuh*) that sticks out from their heads and lights up. The tiny bacteria (*bak-TEER-ee-uh*) that live in this organ make it **GLOW**.

Over 200 species (*SPEE-sheez*) of anglerfish live in the world's oceans. Most live at least a mile below the surface of the Atlantic and Southern Oceans.



**Anglerfish
Habitat**

Some anglerfish are a few inches long. Others are 3.5 feet long.

3.5 in.

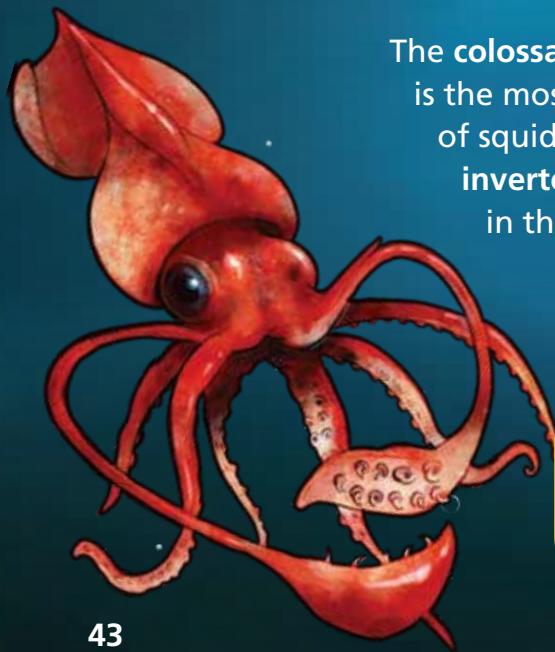
3.5 ft

Anglerfish live in the deep, dark ocean. The glowing esca attracts **prey** like a fishing lure (*loor*).

prey (*pray*): an animal that is hunted and eaten by another animal

Colossal Squid

The colossal (*kuh-LAH-sul*) squid (*skwid*) is the most massive (*MAS-siv*) type of squid and probably the largest invertebrate (*in-VUR-teh-bret*) in the world!



invertebrate
(*in-VUR-teh-bret*): an animal that does not have a backbone

43
ft.



They have the biggest eyes of any animal. Each eye is the size of a soccer ball!

They also have very large pupils (*PYOO-puls*) that let them collect all of the light they can in the very deep, dark part of the ocean where they live.

A colossal squid can grow to be 43 feet long and weigh up to 1,500 pounds.