

The tiny ridge backed iguana peeked from beneath the loose sand at the ground around. It could see the snakes, some silver, others gray and a few black ones, all slithering across the rocks ahead. If it was to get to the safety of the nest, it had to cross the open terrain where it would be exposed and the snakes could have a chance of eating it.

Slowly it crept from its hiding place, it moved with his eyes looking all around to see if there were any snakes nearby. Suddenly in a flash the iguana took off running. A few snakes tasted its movement in the air and began to slither quickly down the rocks to cut off its path. The iguana dodged one, then two, then three snakes. It ran until it was in an open area, it paused, looking around and did not move as snakes are known to follow movement. It stood still hoping it wouldn't be detected.

A snake came up close, slithering over its tail uncertain where the iguana was. Boom!! The iguana took off running, the snake jumped at it, biting but missed. The iguana ran for the rocks; many snakes came down to catch it. The nest is so close; the iguana could see safety in the distance. With all its strength it powered its legs as fast as they could go, then got you!!

A snake caught the iguana, not fully locking its powerful jaws on its body; but its fangs had done enough to hold it. The iguana squirmed and stretched trying to get away. The snake hung tight and wrapped its body around the iguana. Then another snake joined in, it too trying to bite the iguana while wrapping its body around the other snake and the iguana. They rolled into a ball, trying to trap the poor iguana. With its last strength the iguana pushed and pushed, suddenly it broke free. Off it ran with other snakes close by. One big snake was on its tail, the iguana climbed the rocks with the big snake behind. The nest was just now a few feet away; the iguana was desperate to reach it as it was oh

so close. The big snake was now right on top of it and about to strike, the iguana jumped as it was its only hope.

The snake and iguana like a slow action movie both in midair, the scene was life or death. The jaws of the snake about to wrap around the iguana's body, the iguana's claws just short of the safety of its nest.

Wham! The chase ended, but who was successful? Did the iguana make it? Or had the huge snake snagged a delicious meal?

Answer the questions related to the given passage.

1. What title would you give to the passage?
2. What words described the iguana at the beginning of the passage?
3. Why was the iguana looking around before leaving where it was?
4. Why did it suddenly take off running?
5. Give one word that explains the term "got you".

6. Why did the snakes wrap themselves around the iguana?

7. The big snake was on its tail, what does this mean?

8. Why did the iguana decide to jump?

9. What is a fang?

10. How do you think the story ended? Why?

Use one word to give meaning of each of the following words

Peek

Slither

Terrain

Exposed

Suddenly

Detected

Squirmed

Desperate

Strike