

## The Black Mamba

A bite from the Black Mamba is (1)..... ‘the kiss of death’ in South Africa and it is (2)..... a very dangerous snake.

The venom can kill a person within 30 minutes to a few hours (3) ..... medical help. It is one of the world’s fastest snakes as well and can travel at up to 16 kilometres an hour, though it uses this speed to (4)..... danger rather than to attack. In fact, the Black Mamba is a rather (5)..... creature and will avoid people if possible. It can measure anywhere between two and four metres long and, (6)..... on the area where it lives, can be a different colour, from brown to green to grey. It gets its name from the inside of its mouth, which is ink black.

1 A said	B made	C called	D titled
2 A certainly	B exactly	C just	D fairly
3 A outside	B besides	C away	D without
4 A break	B escape	C lose	D run
5 A shy	B brave	C afraid	D soft
6 A relying	B choosing	C depending	D taking