

Reading: Cage of death

1. Scanning challenge

Scanning means reading quickly to find **specific information**. You do **not** read every word - just look for details like numbers, names, times, or prices.

Part A: Before you read

1. Look at each question in the table.
2. Decide what *kind* of information you need to find (e.g. a number, a name, a dollar amount).
3. Tick the *type of information* in the table.

Part B: Scan the brochure:

1. Set a timer for 1 minute
2. Read the brochure quickly. Do not read every word.
3. Try to find the answers to as many questions as you can.

Question	Type of information							Answer
	number	time	dollar	name	place	verb	thing	
1. What is the minimum age to do the Cage of Death?	✓							
2. How many people can go in the cage at once?								
3. How long do you spend in the cage?								
4. What do crocodile handlers do to encourage the crocodiles to move during the dive?								
5. Who are the famous crocodiles that live at Crocosaurus Cove?								
6. How many times does the Cage of Death run each day?								
7. What time must participants arrive before their dive?								
8. Where in Darwin is Crocosaurus Cove located?								
9. What kind of transport lowers the cage into the water?								
10. How much does it cost for one person/two people?								

2. Vocabulary

Read again. Match the words from the brochure with the correct meanings.

thrilled	enclosure	feeding	inhabitants	suspended	experience
reptiles	crocodiles	captivity	encounter	pen	predators

Word	Meaning
1.	(n.) large dangerous reptiles with big jaws and teeth
2.	(n.) cold-blooded animals like snakes, lizards, or crocodiles
3.	(n.) a space with a fence or walls to keep animals in
4.	(n.) the people or animals that live in a place
5.	(v.) to hang in the air without falling
6.	(n.) animals that hunt other animals
7.	(v.) to meet with someone or something, often surprising or dangerous
8.	(n.) something that happens to you, especially something special
9.	(v.) giving food to a person or animal
10.	(n.) a small enclosed area where animals are kept
11.	(v.) to feel very excited and happy
12.	(n.) a situation where an animal is kept by people and cannot live free in the wild

3. Common phrases

Part A: Find the phrases

Find these phrases in the brochure. **Without** using Google or a translator, what do you think each one means? Write your ideas in the table. Then use technology to check your answers.

Phrase	Meaning
up close and personal	
be wowed (by)	
once in a lifetime	
face to face	

Part B: Use the phrases

Choose **two** of the phrases. Write a sentence from your own life for each one.

Example: I got <i>up close and personal</i> with a kangaroo at a wildlife park.
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