Day: _____ Endangered Animals Komodo Dragon Date: _____

A. Read the report about Komodo dragons.

The Komodo Dragon is the world's biggest lizard. It is a reptile, a cold-blooded animal. It is most active during the day. The Komodo Dragon is a fast runner; it can run up to 18 km per hour. It is also a good tree climber and swimmer.

The Komodo Dragon's scientific name is Varanus komodoensis. It is in danger of extinction because of habitat lost. It can live up to 20 years.

Komodo Dragons live on islands in Indonesia, including the island of Komodo. They live in hot, humid, grassy lowlands and in rainforests.

The Komodo Dragon is about 2.8 meter long, but can get up to 3 meter long and weighs up to 135 kg. It has large jaws, four short legs, and five-toed feet with sharp claws. The tail is longer than the body. It senses chemicals with a long, yellow, forked tongue.

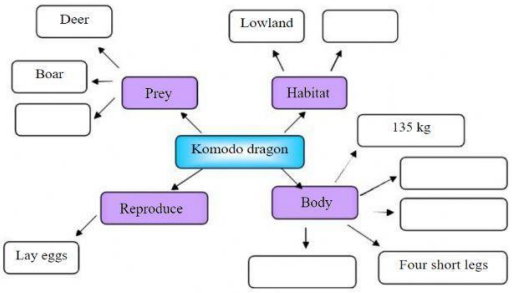
The Komodo Dragon is a carnivore (meat-eater). It eats almost anything that it can catch, including goats, deer, wild boars, other lizards, and carrion (dead meat that it finds). The Komodo Dragon has disease-ridden bacteria in its mouth. After it bites its prey, the victim will get sick and die from blood poisoning in one or two days. The Komodo Dragon will then find the body and eat it. The female digs a hole in the ground, lays 20-40 eggs, and then covers them up with soil. The eggs hatch in about 7 months. Hatchlings eat mostly insects and live in trees.



B. Match each word below with its definition.

1. prey		organism that has just hatched from an egg
2. lizard		rotting meat
3. hatchling		wild pig
4. carrion		animal eaten by another animal
5. boar		type of small reptile with four legs and a long tail

C. Complete the vocabulary web.



D. Complete the sentences using the correct words. You may change the forms of the words to suit the sentence.

1. The blue whale is the _____ animal on earth. (large)
2. The Sumatran tiger is the _____ tiger. (small)
3. The Bangal tiger is _____ an the Sumatran tiger. (big)
4. The cheetah is the _____ land animal. (fast)
5. The orangutan is _____ than the gorilla. (smart)

E. Read back the passage about Komodo dragon and find the sentences that have comparative and superlative in them. Type the sentences in the boxes below.

Comparative	Superlative

F . Create your own sentences using comparative and superlative.

Comparative

1. _____
2. _____

Superlative

1. _____
2. _____

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