




The Marine Iguana – KS2 Comprehension

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- 1) Why is it surprising that the marine iguanas live on this island?
- 2) Why do the cormorants bring seaweed ashore?
- 3) Pause at 48 seconds. Pick a word to explain how you think, first, the cormorant and then the marine iguana feel at this moment.  Explain your two choices.
- 4) Sir David Attenborough says, “Both of these species have evolved here.” Explain what the word ‘evolved’ means.
- 5) Find and copy a phrase which tells you that the cormorant and marine iguana don’t always get along.
- 6) What is unusual about where the marine iguana gets its food?
- 7) Find and copy a phrase which shows that the marine iguana is dependent on the seaweed for survival.
- 8) Sir David Attenborough says, “The seaweed, on which he totally relies, only grows in abundance here...” Can you think of a synonym and antonym for the word ‘abundance’?
- 9) What is the name of the ocean current which brings the nutrients that enable the seaweed to grow?
- 10) How long can the marine iguana spend underwater?
- 11) Can you explain what would happen to the marine iguana if it was to spend too long in the water?
- 12) Sir David Attenborough says, “Any longer than that and his muscles will seize up.” Can you explain what the phrase ‘seize up’ means?
- 13) Which class of animal is unable to handle cold temperatures well?
- 14) Complete the table to show whether each statement is true or false.



	True	False
The main animal featured in this clip is a type of snake.		
Cormorants bring seaweed onto the island.		
Thousands of marine iguana live on the island.		
The marine iguanas are carnivores.		

- 15) Order the following events from 1 – 5. One has been done for you.
 - A marine iguana attempts to steal some seaweed. —
 - A marine iguana stands on a cliff edge. 3
 - A marine iguana searches for food in the sea. —
 - A marine iguana is shown diving into the sea. —
 - A cormorant brings seaweed ashore to build a nest. —
- 16) Did you enjoy this clip? Explain your answer fully referencing what you have seen in the clip.
- 17) Summarise the events of this clip in a single sentence.

EXT: Have a go at following this tutorial to draw an iguana of your own!

<https://youtu.be/8KTg63pl0s4>

