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**KOMODO DRAGON**



vs.



**KING COBRA**

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What would happen if a tough Komodo dragon came face-to-face with a deadly king cobra? What if they were both hungry? If they had a fight, who do you think would win?



# SCIENTIFIC NAME OF KOMODO DRAGON: "Varanus komodoensis"

Meet the Komodo dragon. The Komodo dragon is the largest lizard in the world. It grows up to ten feet long and can weigh three hundred pounds.

## DEFINITION

*A reptile is a cold-blooded animal covered in scales. Turtles, snakes, lizards, crocodiles, and alligators are reptiles.*



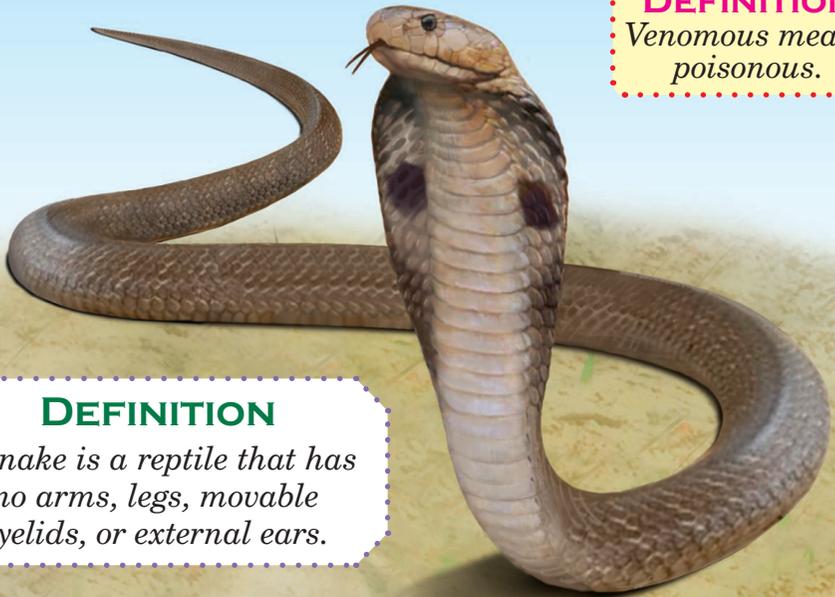
## FACT

*Komodo dragons live on four Indonesian islands: Komodo, Rinca, Flores, and Gili Motang.*



# SCIENTIFIC NAME OF KING COBRA: "Ophiophagus hannah"

Meet the king cobra. A king cobra can grow up to eighteen feet long. The king cobra is a venomous snake that can weigh up to twenty pounds.



**DEFINITION**  
*Venomous means  
poisonous.*

## DEFINITION

*A snake is a reptile that has no arms, legs, movable eyelids, or external ears.*

## FACT

*King cobras live in India, China, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.*



# TEETH

Komodo dragons have teeth. Their teeth are unusual for a land animal. They are serrated, like a shark's teeth.



## **DANGEROUS FACT**

*Serrated means jagged, like a saw.*