



## Bronze homework

# Deadly Animals and Creatures

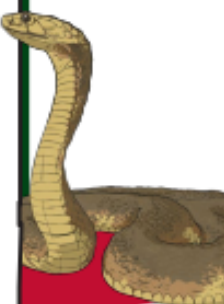



Humans are one of the deadliest animals on the planet. They can be harmful to each other, animals and the planet.









### Deadly Creature Facts!

- Mosquitoes cause the most human deaths every year. They carry dangerous viruses and parasites.
- Not all snakes are dangerous but more than 450 species are venomous.
- Contrary to what many people think, deaths caused by sharks are very rare.
- Many of the most dangerous animals cause deaths indirectly by spreading deadly diseases.



### Deadly Data!

According to Bill Gates's 'World's Deadliest Animals list', published in 2014, these are the deadliest animals, ranked by number of human deaths they cause each year:

 <b>1</b>	Mosquitoes cause approximately 725,000 deaths a year.	 <b>4</b>	Dogs (that carry rabies) cause approximately 25,000 deaths a year.
 <b>2</b>	Humans cause approximately 475,000 deaths a year.	 <b>5</b>	Tsetse flies (that carry sleeping sickness) cause approximately 10,000 deaths a year.
 <b>3</b>	Snakes cause approximately 50,000 deaths a year.	 <b>6</b>	Assassin bugs (that carry Chagas disease) cause approximately 10,000 deaths a year.

## Deadly Animals and Creatures

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Freshwater snails cause approximately 10,000 deaths a year.

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Ascaris roundworms cause approximately 2500 deaths a year.

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Tapeworms cause approximately 2000 deaths a year.

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Crocodiles cause approximately 1000 deaths a year.

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Hippopotamuses cause approximately 500 deaths a year.

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Lions cause approximately 100 deaths a year.

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Elephants cause approximately 100 deaths a year.

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Wolves cause approximately 10 deaths a year.

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Sharks cause approximately 10 deaths a year.

9. Tapeworm. Photo by Mogana Das Murtey and Patchamuthu Ramasamy (commons.wikimedia.org) is licensed under CC BY 3.0.

## Where Do These Animals Live?

- Tsetse flies and most of the harmful mosquitoes can be found in countries across the continent of Africa.
- Deadly snakes are most common in countries found in Asia.
- Most rabies-related human deaths happen across countries in Asia and Africa.

## Glossary

**rabies:** A dangerous disease that affects dogs and other animals. Rabies can be passed to humans through a bite from an infected animal.

1. Which insect causes the most deaths? Tick one.

- mosquitos
- bees
- earwigs
- ant

2. How many species of snake are venomous? Tick one.

- more than 540
- more than 450
- more than 405
- more than 504

3. What spreads sleeping sickness? Tick one.

- Tsetse flies
- mosquitoes
- crocodiles
- wolves

4. How many deaths a year do sharks cause? Tick one.

- 100
- 10
- 1000
- 1

5. Which other animal causes the same number of deaths each year as sharks do?

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6. Fill in the missing word.

Not all snakes are dangerous but more than 450 \_\_\_\_\_ are venomous.

7. Explain what you have learnt about deadly animals and creatures in 30 words or fewer.

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