My Komodo Dragon Fact File

Read the komodo dragon fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a komodo dragon

Komodo Dragon facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. monitor lizard ____	A. a harmful substance an animal puts into another animal with a bite or sting
2. carrion ____	B. the meat of an animal that is already dead
3. venom ____	C. when a female has babies without a male
4. parthenogenesis ____	D. a family of large lizards with long necks, strong claws and forked tongues
5. hatchling ____	E. a baby animal that has just come out of its egg

The most amazing thing I learned about komodo dragons

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Answer Key

Komodo Dragon Fact File

Komodo Dragon facts

Scientific name:	Varanus komodoensis
Size:	Usually 6–8 ft, up to about 10 ft
Weight:	About 150 lb (70 kg); up to 366 lb
Lifespan:	Up to about 30 years in the wild
Diet:	Deer, pigs, buffalo and carrion
Habitat:	Dry grassland, savanna, forest
Where:	A few islands in Indonesia
Status:	IUCN Endangered

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–B, 3–A, 4–C, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- A Komodo dragon can eat up to 80% of its body weight in one meal.
- It can smell a dead animal from about 2.5 miles (4 km) away.
- Females can lay eggs that hatch without a father.