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Monitor Lizard Adaptations

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For this exercise, you are going to apply what you have learned about adaptations that help organisms to survive. You will be watching a video clip that describes how monitor lizards survive in Australia. Then, you will be writing a paragraph that summarizes the adaptations that help the monitor lizard to survive.



In the grid below, you have been given sentence starters, along with hints as to what to watch for in the video.

sentence starters and hints	(space for notes)
Monitor lizards can be found... <i>[what country? what environment?]</i>	
One adaptation that helps monitor lizards to survive here is ... <i>[describe an adaptation that helps them to survive in their environment]</i>	
Another adaptation important to their survival is ... <i>[describe another adaptation]</i>	
Finally, without the adaptation of _____, monitor lizards would not be able to... <i>[describe another adaptation]</i>	
All of the monitor lizards' adaptations are crucial to their survival because <i>[describe generally how these adaptations help]</i>	

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It is now time to write your paragraph. You need to be able to describe clearly how the physical characteristics and behaviors (the adaptations) of the monitor lizard helps it to survive. That is why your sentence starters have been carefully constructed. They help you to describe three different adaptations without just making a list. Copy the sentences you have constructed in the space below. You should find that they nicely help you to create a paragraph on this topic:

How do the adaptations of a monitor lizard help it to survive?
