

# WILDLIFE X-POSURE

## WILD KIDZ VIDZ ACTIVITY SHEET



### DRAGONS

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Dragons definitely exist. Australia has over 70 species of dragons. WOW!

They are adapted for life in every environment in Australia, deserts, forest, waterways, even salt flats.

\* Which dragon species was Xavier and his family hoping to find on their bushwalk?

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\* Where were they looking and why?

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\* Of course .... dragons are LIZARDS, so they are ECTOTHERMIC, which means they are \_\_\_\_\_ blooded and have to \_\_\_\_\_ to warm up.

TRUE OR FALSE?

\* Most dragons are fast runners \_\_\_\_\_

\* They are INSECTIVORES, insect eaters \_\_\_\_\_

\* They have short stumpy tails \_\_\_\_\_

\* The Eastern Water Dragon is Australia's biggest dragon \_\_\_\_\_

\* Dragons have long toes and claws for climbing \_\_\_\_\_

\* Dragons have poor eyesight \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you answered FALSE to any of the questions above, can you say why and what is true?

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\* Why are these particular lizards called dragons?

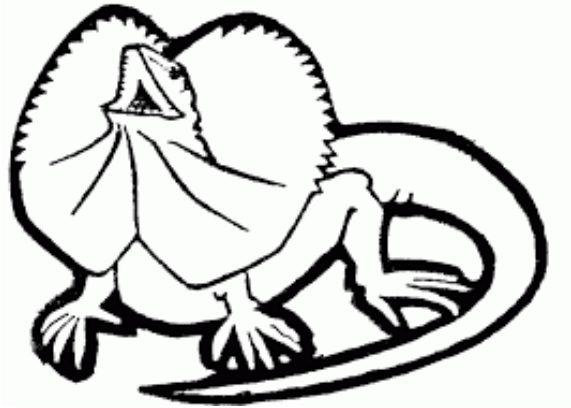
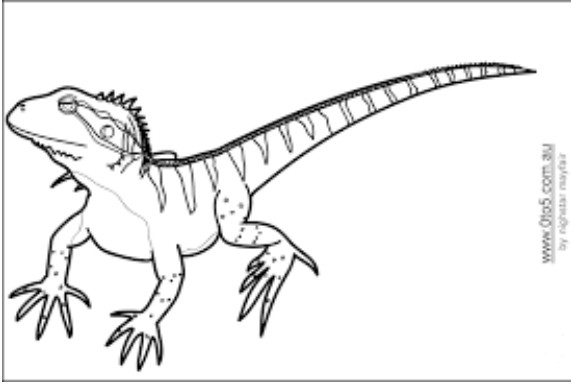
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\* How do they avoid predators? Different species have different strategies depending on their environment.

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Can you name these 3 Australian dragon species? Label them.

Xavier mentioned 2 of them and showed you 1 of them at his zoo. Does that other one have something that looks like a **beard** under his chin?

Colour them in – you can go for the camouflaged realistic look, or go wild, be imaginative, have fun.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND WHEN YOU **GO EXPLORING**... IF YOU **LOOK VERY CAREFULLY** ....maybe a JACKY DRAGON, or ANIMAL TRACKS or even a YABBY (though you might need a net and some meat for that adventure)!

HAVE FUN, BE SAFE, AND ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE A **CONSERVATIONIST**

*Look after our native wildlife.*



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