

Level 5. Amazing Lifetimes

# Alpha Readers

## Amazing Lifetimes



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**A** Write the word for each picture.

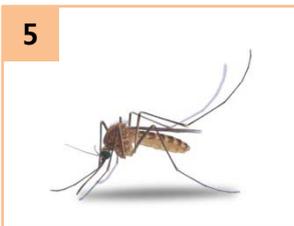
bamboo  
cycad

salmon  
blue whale

mosquito  
giant sequoia

barramundi

sea turtle



**B** Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

waterfall

larva

lifetimes

backbone

calf

- Some living things have amazing \_\_\_\_\_.  
the length of time that living creatures are alive
- The \_\_\_\_\_ drinks 380 liters of its mother's milk every day.  
baby whale
- Some salmon swim up even \_\_\_\_\_s to lay their eggs.  
a place where water falls from the edge of mountains into a pool below.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of a mosquito changes into a pupa.  
an insect at the stage of its life after it has developed from an egg
- Some insects or small creatures have no \_\_\_\_\_.  
linked bones down the middle of your back

**C** Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

from

like

as

up

to

1. When a blue whale is born, its weight is **as much** \_\_\_\_ two cars.
2. Cycad plants **look** \_\_\_\_\_ palm trees.
3. Sea turtles can **live for** \_\_\_\_ **to** 100 years.
4. When the sand is warm, female babies **hatch** \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs.
5. Female turtles come back to shore when they **are ready** \_\_\_\_ lay eggs.

**D** Complete the sentences using *as ..... as + words in the box*.

tall

much

far

long

1. Some salmon come back to the stream where they were born.  
→ They swim \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 2000 miles up rivers, streams, and waterfalls.
2. Sea turtles live longer than most other animals in the ocean.  
→ They can live \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 100 years.
3. Some giant bamboo plants can reach a height of 60 meters.  
→ That is \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ as a three-story building.
4. The General Sherman tree is extremely heavy.  
→ It weighs \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 125 semi trailers.

**A Answer the following questions.**

1. The main purpose of the book is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) to entertain
  - b) to give information
  - c) to persuade readers
2. What is NOT true about cycad?
  - a) It looks like maple trees.
  - b) It is the slowest-growing plant in the world.
  - c) It grows in places where the weather is warm and wet.
3. Where does a salmon live during its lifetime?
  - a) ocean → streams or river → ocean
  - b) streams or rivers → ocean → streams or rivers
  - c) streams or rivers → ocean
4. Write the numbers in order.
  - 1 A mosquito lays its eggs in water.
  - The larva changes into a pupa.
  - An adult mosquito crawls from the pupa.
  - A mosquito larva hatches from its egg and it grows in the water.
  - The adult mosquito lays eggs and dies.

**B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.**

1. Some living things change in amazing ways during their lifetimes.
2. All barramundi are born as female fish.
3. Female turtles return to shore when they are ready to lay eggs.
4. Salmon go to the ocean after they lay their eggs.
5. Most of small creatures without backbones have short lifetimes.

**C Write the name of creature for the feature.**

 sea turtle	 cycad	 salmon	 mosquito	 bamboo	 blue whale	 giant sequoia	 barramundi
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- 1 I change from a male to a female during my lifetime.
- 2 My baby is called a calf. I grow faster than any other animal.
- 3 I am the slowest-growing plant.
- 4 I am a sea animal. I can live for up to 100 years.
- 5 I can only live for a week.
- 6 I am a tree. I am one of the oldest living things.
- 7 I am the fastest-growing plant.
- 8 I have a long journey to come back to the stream where I was born.

**D Write a report about the most amazing creature to you.**

**What** The most amazing creature from the book is \_\_\_\_\_

**Feature** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

What is the feature of the creature?

**Opinion** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Write about your feeling or thought about the creature.