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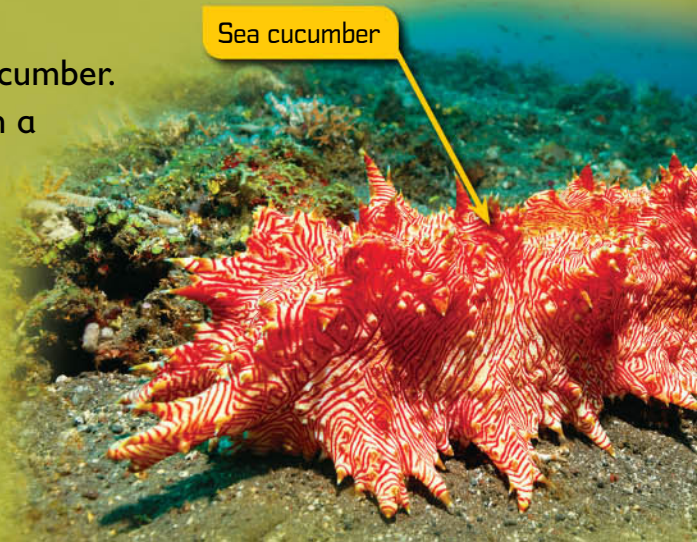
It's Going to Get Disgusting!

Life for many animals is a daily struggle to avoid being eaten. So it's no surprise that some creatures have developed extreme ways to stay safe from their enemies.



This fluffy fulmar chick looks cute. Get too close, though, and you'll be wearing the baby bird's lunch!

Then there's the sea cucumber. How much damage can a slow-moving creature with no brain actually do? We've got just two words to say to you. Spaghetti attack.





Hoopoe bird

And don't be fooled by the hoopoe bird's good looks. This creature looks much better than it smells.

So get ready to see some disgusting animal defenses in action. You're going to be horrified. You're going to be grossed out. But most of all, you will be truly amazed!



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Horned Lizards

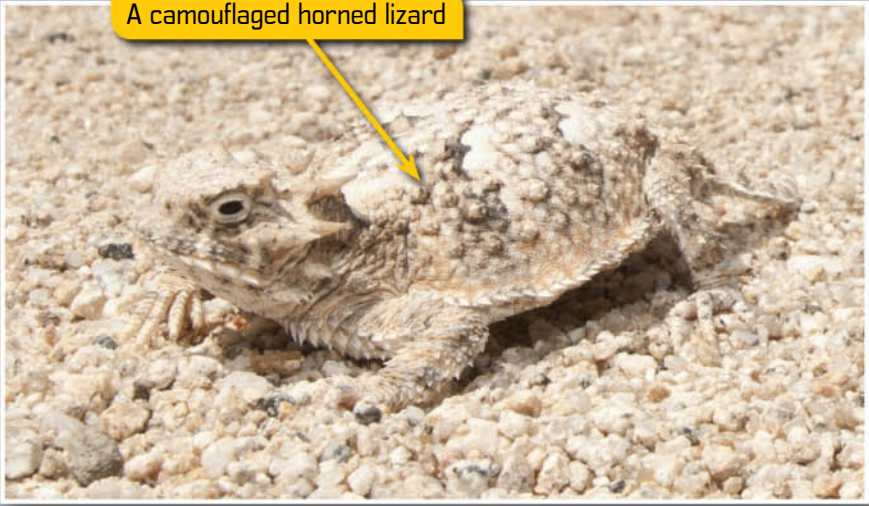
Horned lizards are **reptiles** that live in hot, dry deserts in North America.

These lizards feed on ants, grasshoppers, beetles, and spiders. They search for their **prey** in wide-open places. As they hunt, horned lizards are in danger from **predators** such as birds, snakes, coyotes, and dogs.



Horned lizard

A camouflaged horned lizard



If a predator comes close, a horned lizard uses **camouflage** to hide. It flattens its body onto the stony, sandy ground and blends in. Camouflage doesn't always work, however.



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What animal defends itself by squirting blood from its eyes? Which creature covers its enemies in slime? And just why do some beetles smother themselves in poop? Be prepared to be grossed out and amazed by a world of disgusting animal defenses.

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