

## Learning Objective

We are learning how to write effective similes about Komodo dragons.

### Challenge 1

The following passage describes a Komodo dragon hunt. Highlight all of the similes.

Like children on a school outing, the film crew were really excited when they realised that a dragon hunt was imminent. In a muddy waterhole, just ahead, a buffalo was sleeping. Lurking around the margins, like concealed soldiers on a battlefield, several large dragons were watching and waiting. Irritated by their presence, the tired buffalo finally got to its feet. Suddenly, one bold dragon seized the opportunity to bite the buffalo's leg. Like sharks, the other dragons were excited by the sight and smell of blood. Some were drooling like a dog with a new bone. However, a single bite, was all that was needed. This is because the venom in a dragon's bite causes massive blood loss and infection. Finally, the buffalo died and the crew were able to film the dinosaur-like, cold-blooded killers feasting on their victim.

(Now copy your favourite simile and explain why you chose it.)

### Challenge 2

Copy and complete each sentence with a simile.

- 1) The huge dragon scanned the horizon like ...
- 2) With the sun beating down, the dragons fought like ...
- 3) The dragon's claws were as sharp as ...
- 4) Lumbering towards the waterhole, the dragon swayed from side to side like ...
- 5) The dragon's tongue flicked in and out like ...
- 6) The dragon's scaly skin was as tough as ...
- 7) Like \_\_\_\_\_, the cold-blooded creature waited patiently.
- 8) Like \_\_\_\_\_, the buffalo began to stagger.
- 9) As the dragon's fought in the sandy arena, dust filled the air like ...

### Challenge 3

When cameraman Mark MacEwan was on the island of Komodo, filming dragons for the BBC's Planet Earth 2 series, he discovered a Komodo dragon in his bathroom lounging on the cool, tiled floor. Imagine that you were Mark. Write about this remarkable encounter. Did it try to bite you? How did you remove the dragon from the bathroom? Try to include some effective similes and metaphors in your writing.