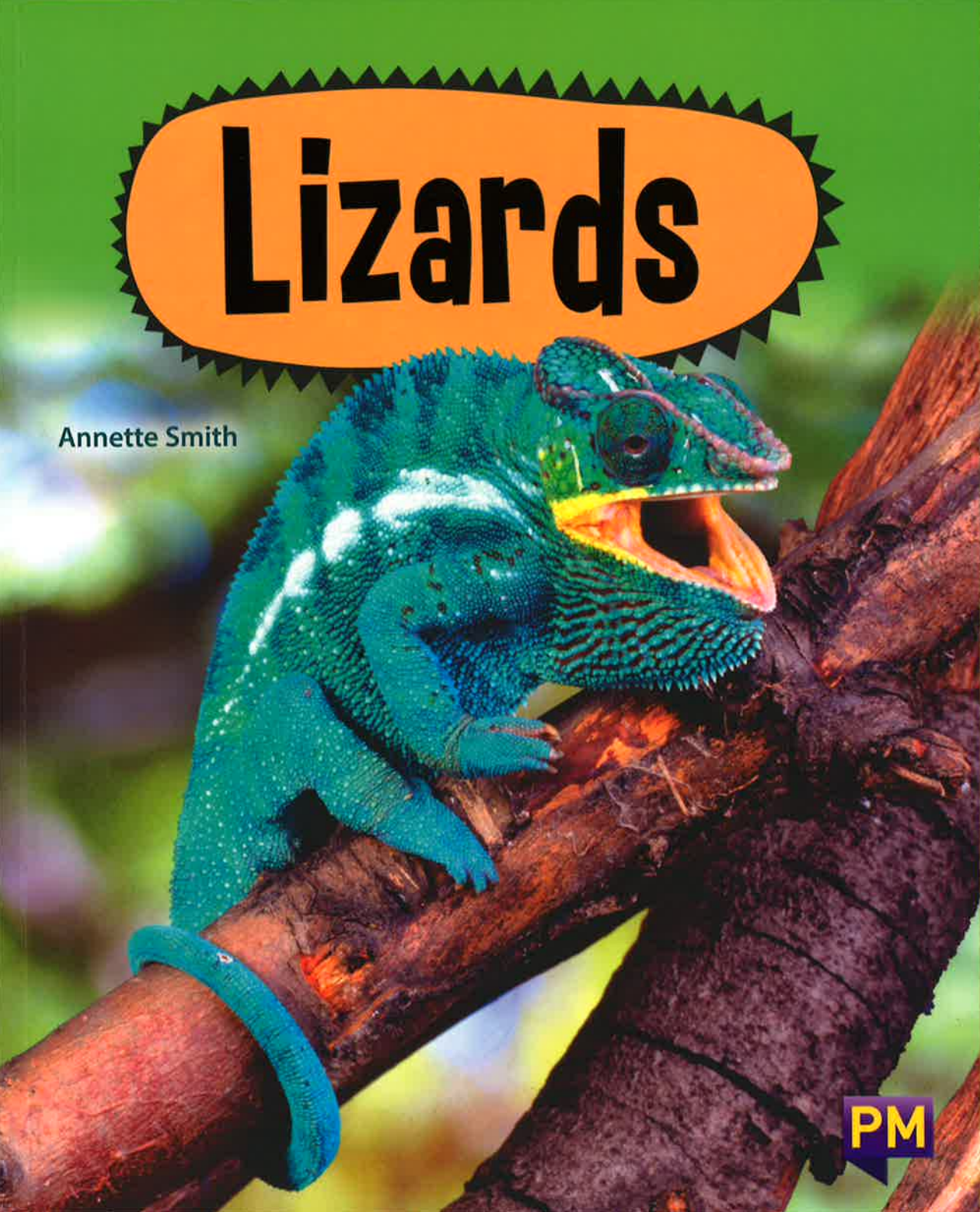
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Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 What happens to lizards when they lie in the hot sun?
2 Which is the largest lizard in the world?
3 Which lizard looks like a snake? Why?

Inferential

4 Why are there no lizards in Antarctica?
5 How do many lizards escape from predators?
6 Why is it hard to see some lizards?
7 Why are lots of skinks found in gardens?
8 Why do monitor lizards stand up straight to check for predators?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why are lizards an important part of our wildlife, today?

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What Are Lizards?

Lizards are reptiles.
They cannot heat their own blood.

Lizards need to warm their bodies
in the hot sun during the day.





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When their bodies are warm,
lizards are able to run and climb quickly,
as they hunt for food
or try to escape from predators.



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Where Lizards Live

Most lizards are found in tropical rainforests, or in the hot sands and rocky hills of deserts.

There are many places to find food and to hide from predators in rainforests and deserts.



Some lizards live in rainforests.



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A lizard looks out for predators in a desert.

Some lizards can live in cooler places,
down near the sea or even high up in mountains.
But lizards are not found in the freezing ice
of Antarctica.

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Shapes and Sizes

Lizards are all shapes and sizes.
One of the smallest lizards is a tiny dwarf gecko.

The Komodo dragon is very big.
It is the largest lizard in the world.



a dwarf gecko

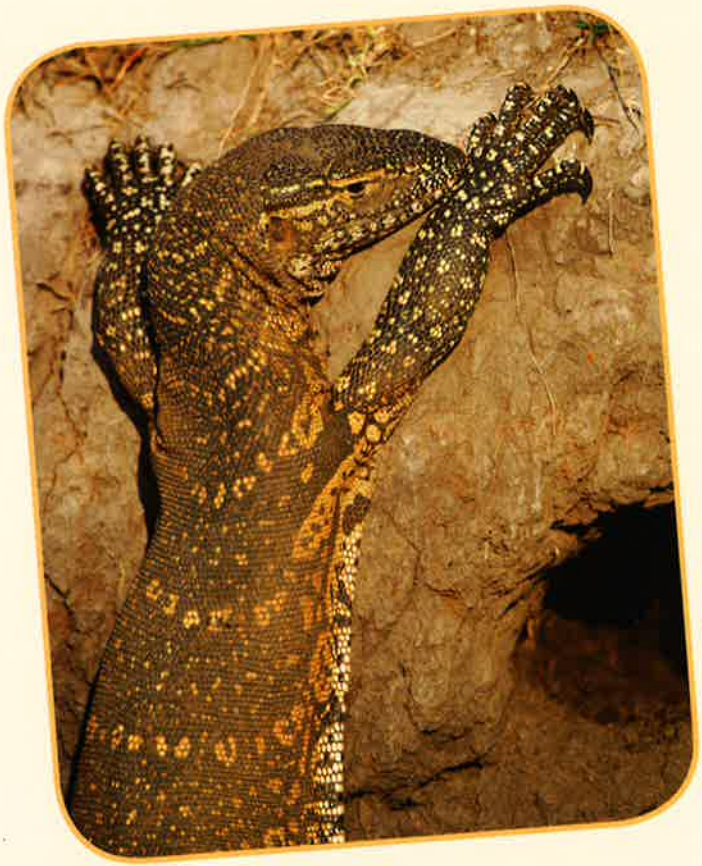
a Komodo dragon



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Lizards have dry skin on their long bodies.
Their skin is covered with **scales**.
Lizards that live in burrows have flat scales,
to help them push through the soil.





A lizard's body is covered in scales.