

# LESSON PLAN

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## VAMPIRE SQUID



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ELEMENTARY

Stages	Procedure	Time
<b>Objectives</b>	1. To practice a. skimming for main ideas b. scanning for details c. vocabulary in context – identifying synonyms;	
<b>Warmer</b>	1. Teacher can show students pictures of unusual animals or sea creatures (including one of the vampire squid) and ask them if they know of them and whether they can name them.	<b>2 mins</b>
<b>Pre-reading</b>	1. Teacher distributes <b>Task 1</b> . Teacher gets the students to number the paragraphs. 2. In pairs, students skim through the article quickly to answer the questions in the task. 3. Teacher elicits for and confirms answers.	<b>12 mins</b>
<b>While-Reading</b>	1. Teacher asks students to quickly read the article. 2. Teacher distributes <b>Task 2</b> . 3. Students answer the questions in <b>Task 2</b> individually. 4. Teacher checks the answers and provides feedback.	<b>12 mins</b>
<b>Post-reading</b>	1. Teacher distributes <b>Task 3</b> . 2. In pairs, students complete task. 3. Teacher elicits and discusses the answers.	<b>12 mins</b>
<b>Wrap</b>	1. Teacher does a concept check of the lesson by asking students their views about predators.	<b>2 mins</b>

## TASK 1

Identify the paragraph/s in the article where you can find the following information.

Which paragraph(s)

1. .... describes the vampire squid's appearance?
2. .... describes its feeding habits?
3. .... describes the origin of its name?
4. .... describes its breeding pattern?
5. .... tells the reader that it actually is a harmless creature?

## TASK 2

Write True (T) or False (F) in answer to the statements below.

Statements	T/F
1. The word 'vampire' is associated with scary and unpleasant things.	
2. The vampire squid sucks blood for food.	
3. Vampire squids are easy to spot in the ocean.	
4. Vampire squids are carnivores.	
5. Most squids and octopuses feed on other life forms in the ocean.	
6. The vampire squid looks like a bat.	
7. 'Cirri' are very sharp thorn-like spikes which are harmful to the vampire squid's enemies.	
8. Vampire squids have long life spans.	
9. The life span of most squids is about two years.	
10. Vampire squids can reproduce only once in their lifetime.	

### TASK 3

Replace the words in bold with words of similar meaning from the article.

The vampire squid is not as **ghostlike and scary** as its name suggests. In fact, it is easily **open to attack** from its **hunters**. However, because it lives so deep down in the ocean, it is well-protected. What makes the vampire squid **scary** is its appearance – its tentacles are connected by a thin **layer of skin** (covered with rows of dangerous looking razor sharp thorns) that makes it look like bat wings. Vampire squids feed on **dead and waste matter** in the ocean. They can **reproduce** a few times in their lifetime.

## ANSWERS

### Task 1

1. Paragraphs 6, 7, 8
2. Paragraphs 5, 12
3. Paragraph 2,6
4. Paragraph 11
5. Paragraphs 4, 12

### Task 2

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. F
5. T
6. F
7. F
8. T
9. T
10. F

### Task 3

1. eldritch
2. defenceless
3. predators
4. frightening / terrifying
5. membrane / cloak
6. marine snow
7. breed