

## National Geographic Kids Reader: Deadly Predators

### Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and discuss the deadly predator (wolf or coyote?). Ask your child what they think it is and think of some more predators together.
- Talk about what a predator is, and look at the glossary together to find a definition.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  - Help children read the names of any unfamiliar predators or prey, e.g. *coyotes*, *Siberian tiger*, *cougar*, *cheetah*, *peregrine falcon*, *sea anemone*, *anaconda*, *Komodo dragon*, *wildebeest*, *gazelles*, *impalas*).
  - Show your interest in the information and the facts that your child reads.
  - Encourage them to talk about what they have read, answering simple questions about different predators and what they do that is special.
  - Challenge children to ask you questions, based on their reading.
  - Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding, and talk about how the pictures add more meaning to the words.
  - Give them lots of praise and encouragement as they tackle tricky words.
- Discuss which is the deadliest predator in the book, and which you would both most dread to meet.

**Pronunciation guide:** *coyotes* (coy-oh-tees), *anemone* (a-nem-o-nee), *impalas* (im-pah-luhs)