



## *Claws*

- 1** Read the names of all the creatures listed on the contents page. Which creature names do you like best?
- 2** How does the picture on page 8 help readers to understand what dew claws are like?
- 3** Look at pages 10 and 11. Which words show whose side the author is on: the prey's or the predator's?
- 4** What is the illustration on page 13 for?
- 5** What do harpy eagles eat?
- 6** What is unusual about hoatzin chicks?
- 7** What creature is shown on the title page?
- 8** How many different uses for claws can you remember from the book?

## **Answers**

- 1 Answers will vary.
- 2 It points out where on a lion's paw a dew claw is located.
- 3 'Yikes!' and 'Watch out!' show that the author is on the prey's side.
- 4 to show where in the world Madagascar is
- 5 monkeys, sloths, opossums, iguanas, snakes
- 6 They have claws on their wing tips; they use their claws to climb, they jump into water when they are in danger.
- 7 sloth
- 8 Answers will vary. Example answers: tearing up food and branches, climbing trees, holding onto branches, digging, catching prey, attacking enemies, self-defence, gripping the ground when running