1 Use the words in the box to complete the mind map.

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Volcanoes
- crater
  1 ____________

Deadly
- starvation
  2 ____________

Animals
- 3 ____________
- 4 ____________

Prevent/Treat
- antivenom
  5 ____________

The Most Dangerous

2 Draw a line under the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 Skin and the vessels / nerves that carry blood around our body help to control our temperature.

2 A blood cell / gland in our body produces adrenalin.

3 White blood cells in our body destroy grazes / germs.

4 Bee or wasp stings are especially dangerous to people who are allergic to their venom / honey.

5 Many constrictors / mammals have teeth, horns or claws, which they use to defend themselves.

3 Think about the most dangerous jobs people do. Choose one and write a job description that could be put in a newspaper or on the internet, looking for the right person for the job.
Find the next sentence a–e.

1. We eat many different plants, but some plants are dangerous. ___
2. Many jellyfish deliver a sting from their tentacles. ___
3. Spiders have mouthparts that end in fangs. ___
4. Mosquitoes are blood-suckers and their bites are very itchy. ___
5. People build defences against floods. ___

a. The females of some tropical mosquito species can pass on terrible illnesses when they bite.
b. This is because they have defences to keep away people and animals.
c. They dig ditches for drainage and raise high barriers of earth and stone, such as levees.
d. The most dangerous ones live in the Indian and Pacific oceans.
e. These inject venom to help kill prey, or to protect the spider from predators.

Read the sentences and write T (true) or F (false).

1. The biggest killers of all are small creatures such as houseflies and fleas. ___
2. The shocks from a big earthquake can create a giant hole called a tsunami. ___
3. There are more tornadoes in China than anywhere else. ___
4. Floods are dangerous because flooded drains and sewers may spread disease. ___
5. In a famine, when babies lack water and nourishment, they may die. ___
Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in the box.

- feared
- long
- powerful
- sensible
- venomous

1. In 1534 one of the ___________ men in the world died after eating a deathcap mushroom.

2. One of the ___________ animals is the great white shark but attacks on humans are rare.

3. The ___________ spiders are found in Central and South American rainforests. Their name means murderer.

4. The reticulated python is the world’s ___________ snake. It can swallow prey up to the size of a pig.

5. When a racing driver reaches a speed of 300 kilometres per hour, fear is the ___________ reaction.

Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense to complete the sentences.

1. We (teach) ___________ how to play football or to cycle without injuring ourselves.

2. Very few animals hunt humans, but some (attack) ___________ people if they are in danger themselves.

3. Scientists (learn) ___________ how to deal with snakebites and how to make antivenoms.

4. The Ancient Egyptians believed that Sobek, the crocodile god, (can protect) ___________ them from attack by crocodiles along the River Nile.

5. Doctors and scientists around the world (try) ___________ to develop a vaccine against malaria, which kills about 800,000 people every year.