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Compare and Contrast Matrix

Feature	Reptile #1 Komodo Dragon	Reptile #2 Armadillo Girdled Lizard	What do you notice?
Habitat Where does it live?	Hot, dry islands of Indonesia	Desert and rocky areas of South Africa	Both live in hot, dry environments but on different continents
Body Features What does it look like?	Largest living lizard; up to 10 feet long, 150+ pounds; rough, armored scales with small bones under the skin	Small lizard; 7–9 inches long; less than half a pound; spiny, tough scales along back and sides	Huge size difference; both have protective scales but different textures (rough vs. spiny)
Survival Adaptations How does it protect itself or survive?	Venomous bite, sharp claws, powerful tail; uses stealth to ambush prey	Rolls into a ball and bites its tail to shield its belly; hides in rock crevices	Komodo dragon uses power and venom; armadillo lizard uses curling and hiding defense
Movement or Behavior How does it act?	Walks slowly but can sprint short bursts at 12 mph; excellent swimmer; solitary hunter	Moves quickly over rocks; hides when threatened; social; sometimes lives in groups	Komodo is mostly solitary, Armadillo lizard is sometimes social; Both can move fast when needed
Diet What does it eat?	Carnivore ; eats large prey like deer, wild pigs, water buffalo	Insectivore; mostly eats small insects like termites	Very different diets—big prey vs. tiny insects