



# Scaly Encounters



## Reptile Facts

1. Most reptiles cannot chew their food, they can only tear it.
2. Water Dragons use their tails for balance and for leverage when climbing.
3. Reptiles have scales and shed their skin several times each year.
4. Just like people, Skinks sneeze to clear their nostrils.
5. Snakes hear through vibrations in the ground, they do not hear like you and me.
6. The name Corn Snake is believed to have originated from the similarity of the markings on the belly to the checkered pattern of kernels of maize or Indian corn.
7. Of the 500 venomous snakes, only 30-40 are harmful to humans.
8. Ball Pythons can find prey in total darkness using their heat seeking pits.
9. Tortoises can live more than 100 years.
10. Elongated Tortoise are omnivores feedings on slugs, worms and leafy plant material.
11. Reptiles depend on external sources such as the sun to maintain their body heat.

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## Word Search

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| ALBINO       | ALLIGATOR    | BLACK MAMBA |
| COBRA        | DESERT       | DRAGON      |
| FORKED       | GILA MONSTER | IGUANA      |
| JUNGLE       | KOMODO       | PYTHON      |
| RATTLE SNAKE | SKINK        | SLITHER     |
| SQUEEZE      | VENOM        |             |

