



## ANIMAL LIVES

# REPTILES

Why do reptiles bask in the sun? Which lizards have tongues that are longer than their bodies? What kind of snake can eat animals as large as deer? Read *Reptiles* to find out!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. The largest lizard of all is the ...
  - a. Slowworm
  - b. Iguana
  - c. Chameleon
  - d. Komodo dragon
2. Some snakes have fangs filled with ...
  - a. Sand
  - b. Venom
  - c. Saliva
  - d. Water
3. Marine iguanas live in the ...
  - a. Galapagos Islands
  - b. Cayman Islands
  - c. United States
  - d. United Kingdom
4. The gaviel lives in the rivers of ...
  - a. Southern India
  - b. Northern India
  - c. Southern China
  - d. Northern China
5. What is the largest sea snake?
6. What is a skink—a snake or a lizard?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. There are about 7,000 species of reptiles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Turtles are the only reptiles that have shells.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Male reptiles always fight each other over females.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A python cannot climb a tree.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Sea snakes can hold their breath underwater for hours before rising to the surface.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Oil spills can harm reptiles that live near ocean shores.



## ANSWERS

- 1. d. Komodo dragon.** According to section "What Are Lizards?" on page 8, we know that "The Komodo dragon is the largest lizard of all." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. b. Venom.** According to section "How Do Reptiles Hunt?" on page 22, we know that "But some snakes, such as rattlesnakes, cobras, and vipers, have a more dangerous weapon—fangs that are filled with venom." So, the correct answer is B.
- 3. a. Galapagos Islands.** According to section "What Are Lizards?" on page 34, we know that "Marine iguanas are found along the coastal rocks on the Galapagos Islands." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. b. Northern India.** According to section "What Reptiles Live Near Inland Waters?" on page 38, we know that "The gaviel is an unusual crocodilian that lives in the rivers of northern India." So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 37, the yellow sea snake "ranks as the largest sea snake."
- 6.** According to page 8, a skink is a lizard.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Are Reptiles?" on page 4, we know that "There are about 7,000 species (kinds) of reptiles." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section "What Are Turtles?" on page 14, we know that "Turtles are the only reptiles that have shells." So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to section "Do Reptiles Fight Each Other?" on page 26, we know that "Male reptiles sometimes fight each other over females." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. False.** According to section "What Reptiles Live in the Forests?" on page 33, we know that "Some snakes, such as this python, can climb trees." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "What Reptiles Live in Oceans?" on page 36, we know that "Sea snakes can hold their breath underwater for hours before rising to the surface." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section "Why Are Some Reptiles Endangered?" on page 40, we know that "Oil spills can harm reptiles that live near ocean shores." So, the correct answer is True.