



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Rattlers and Other Snakes

How do rattlesnakes move? What makes a kingsnake king? Why do cobras look so frightening? Read *Rattlers and Other Snakes* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- Snakes live on every continent except ...
 - Asia
 - North America
 - Europe
 - Antarctica
- The organ that snakes have that is very sensitive to smells is called the ...
 - Jacobson's organ
 - Jacob's organ
 - John's organ
 - Jojo's organ
- Giant anacondas reach more than ...
 - 30 feet long
 - 40 feet long
 - 50 feet long
 - 60 feet long
- Cobras live in ...
 - Europe
 - Africa
 - South America
 - Australia
- What type of snake is this?
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TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Snakes are vertebrates.
2. 85 percent of all snakes are poisonous.
3. A group of newborn rattlesnakes is called a church.
4. The kingsnake eats poisonous snakes.
5. The fastest snake on record was timed at 10 miles per hour over a short distance.
6. Pythons coil their bodies around their prey.

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Antarctica.** According to section "Where in the World Do Snakes Live?" on page 8, we know that "Snakes live anywhere where the ground isn't frozen all year. They live on every continent, except Antarctica." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. Jacobson's organ.** According to section "How Do Rattlesnakes Find Their Prey?" on page 22, we know that "This organ, called the Jacobson's organ, is very sensitive to smells." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. a. 30 feet long.** According to section "Who's Who in the Snake World?" on page 30, we know that "And there are giant anacondas, which reach more than 30 feet (9 meters)." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. b. Africa.** According to section "Why Do Cobras Look So Frightening?" on page 50, we know that "Cobras live in Africa and southern Asia." So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 43, this photo shows a red milk snake.
- 6.** According to page 51, this photo shows a king cobra.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Is a Snake?" on page 6, we know that "Like humans, reptiles are vertebrates, animals with backbones." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "Are Snakes Deadly or Harmless?" on page 10, we know that "But most of the world's snakes, almost 85 percent of the species, are harmless to people." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "How Are Rattlesnakes Born?" on page 26, we know that "A group of newborn rattlers is called a church." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "What Makes the Kingsnake King?" on page 40, we know that "But what makes the kingsnakes a king among North American snakes is that it eats other snakes—even poisonous rattlesnakes and copperheads!" So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "Are Racer Snakes Fast?" on page 48, we know that "The fastest snake on record was timed at 7 miles (11 kilometers) per hour over a short distance." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section "Which Snake Will Leave You Breathless?" on page 52, we know that "Pythons coil their thick bodies around their prey." So, the correct answer is True.