

Reptiles: Fill in the Blank

Welcome to Reptile World! We're the scaly ones, the lizards and snakes, turtles and tortoises, crocodiles and alligators. We are all ectothermic, which is the scientific word for cold-_____. We can't produce our own _____, so we need to put ourselves in a _____ place if we feel too _____.

And as I said, we all have _____ on the outside of our bodies, which protect us in rough places. Some of us, such as the slithering _____, shed our outer skin all at _____. Lizards and others _____ this outside layer in smaller pieces.

Snakes get a bad rap. We are very helpful in eating rodent pests that might eat our _____. And most snakes are not venomous (although you should leave all of us _____). Do you know how we smell? With our _____. It catches scent particles that are in the _____. And though we can't hear through outer _____ openings, we get a lot of information through vibrations we feel through the _____.

Most lizards like to eat tiny _____, which is also very helpful. They often find these bugs around plants or rotting _____.

Turtles and tortoises are very similar, but turtles live and swim in _____ and eat small pond creatures, and tortoises live on dry _____ and eat growing _____. You'll see how their legs are different: turtles' legs are more like paddles to help them _____, and a tortoise's legs are more _____, which they also use for _____.

Here's something special about crocodiles and alligators: unlike most reptiles, they care for their _____ for one to two _____.

But no matter our shape or size, we _____ are pretty awesome!

*blooded/heat/warm/cold/scales/snakes/once/shed/food/alone/tongues/air/ear/ground/insects
/wood/water/land/plants/swim/round/digging/young/years/reptiles*