

Scaley Snakes

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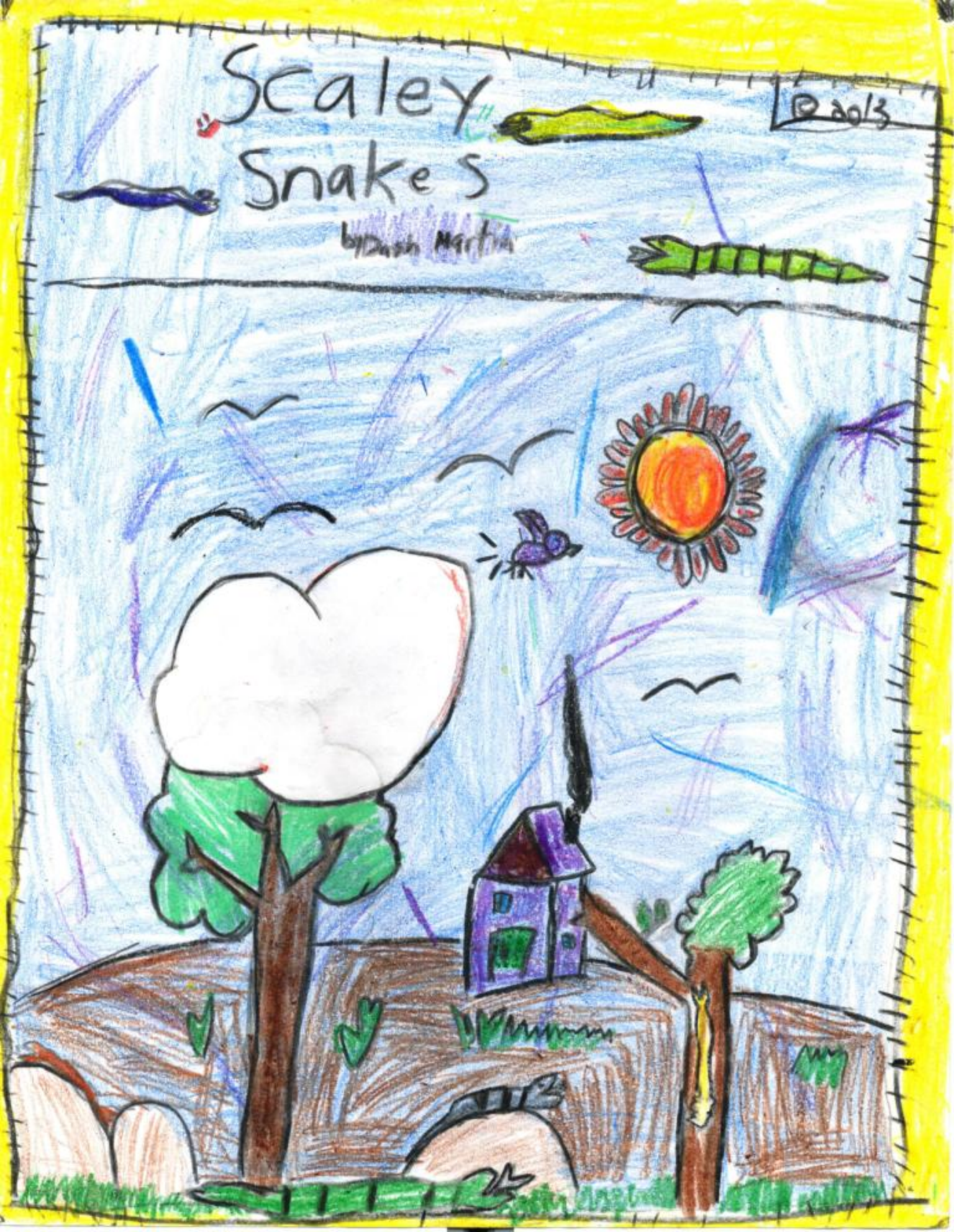
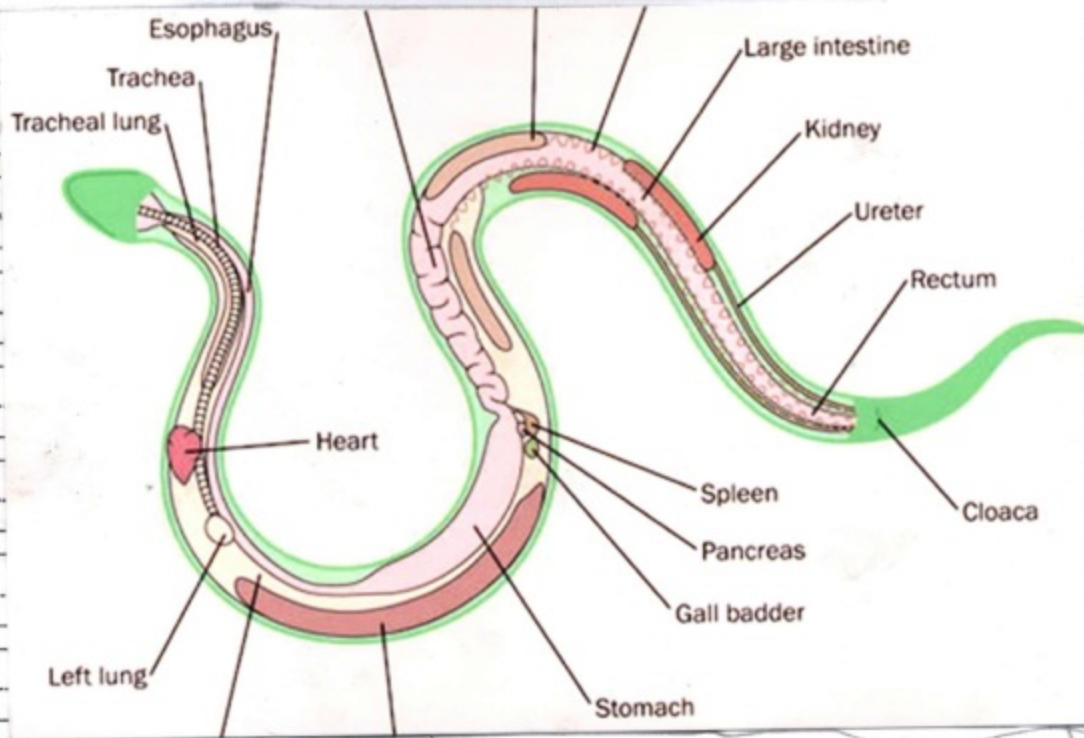


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A tree boa lays on a tree.



These are some of the snake's amazing organs.

Introduction

What has no legs, colored scales, and is cold blooded? Of course, it's a Snake. You may think snakes are scary, if you said "yes," you are incorrect. Snakes aren't that dangerous. There is a higher chance of getting struck by lightning than getting bitten by a snake. But **NEVER** trust that a snake won't bite you. (Im serious, Never). When ever a snake feels threatened it will attack. Snakes can be dangerous but it is really rare. I think snakes are more interesting than scary.

Snakes have 400 bones in their back. You only have 33 bones in you back. Snakes are cold blooded. Did you cold blooded means

ice cold? If you did, you're incorrect. Cold blooded means the temperature of a snake's blood is controlled by the temperature of the weather. You are warm blooded. Your blood stays about the same temperature all the time.

Snakes have a layer of skin called scales. Scales can be camouflaged. Camouflaged means something can blend



Can you spot the rattle snake?

in with its environment. A cobra has a fake eye spot on the back of its hood. A hood is a covering on the back of a cobra's head. Some snakes are poisonous like the sea snake, but most snakes are not. Snakes' venom can be turned into an antidote for people when they get bit by a snake.

I decided to select snakes for my report because people are killing snakes. Those people should be taught a lesson. Snakes are good because they eat rodent that destroy your crops. Snakes have the right to live. So if you're reading this, please try to respect snakes! I also picked this animal because I did not know that much

about snakes I wanted to learn
more,



The snake has ~~lots of~~
scales.

Home Sweet Home

Did you think snakes only live in grasslands? If you said "yes," you are incorrect. Snakes live all over the world. You can find them all Coiled up in Mexico. Or you can find them stretched out in Central America. You can also find them in Asia or in China. You can spot one in India, or in Africa

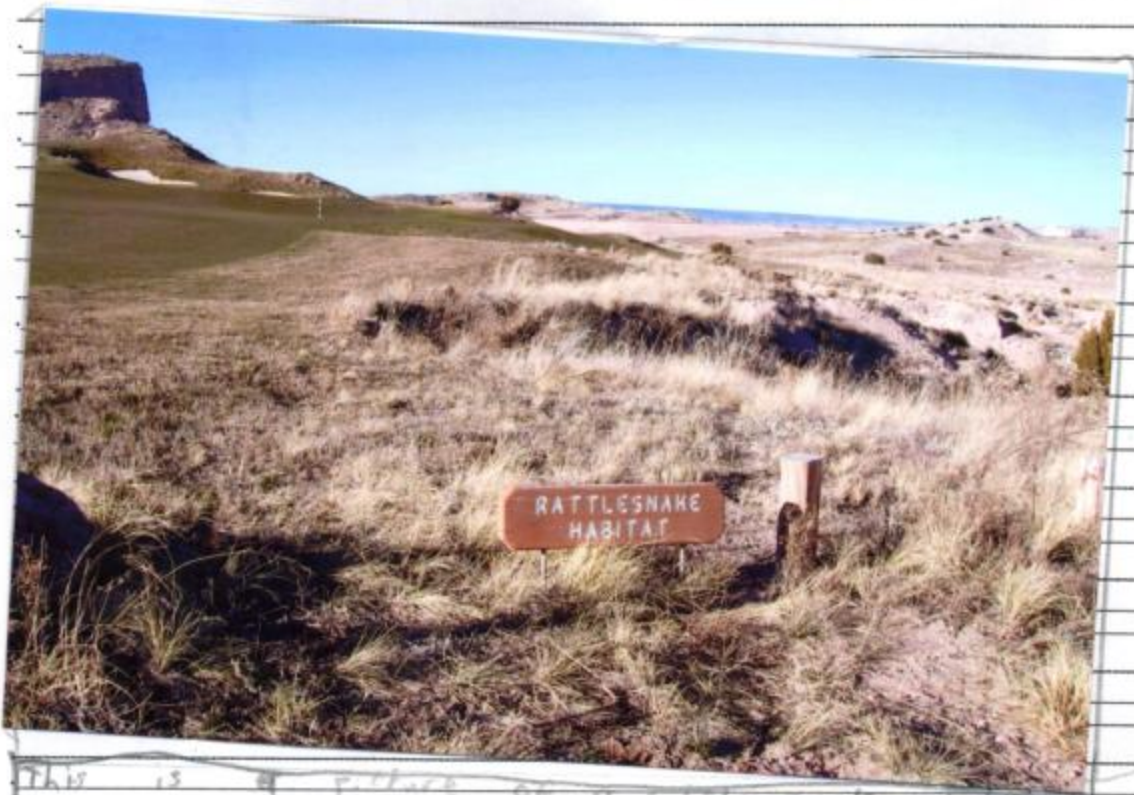


A snake is looking for food in its habitat.

and in Madagascar. Snakes also live in goowy swamps or scrublands (land with a lot of natural vegetation). You can find them in rocky hillsides, or under ground and in deserts. Snakes live in tropical rain forests near trees or in ponds. They can be hiding in the rich brown soil. These scaley fiends are also found in woodlands. Snakes still live in grasslands but they have lots of other habitats too.

People are destroying snakes' habitats by explosions or cutting down trees, so snakes have to go to a different habitat. Good thing they have so many! If you're destroying their homes it's like snake destroying your brick

homes. How would you like that?



This is a picture of a rattlesnake habitat.



A rattlesnake is in its habitat while it is looking for food.

Yummy in my Tummy

If you thought snakes eat all sorts of things you are correct! Snakes will eat their prey if they spot some. Gulp! Snakes don't chew food, they swallow it whole. Snakes eat green lizards. The snake speaks up, then the lizard can see him. The lizard is frozen from fear. **POUNE!!!** The snake enjoys it's meal. Another meal is a bird. The snake spots the bird. He quietly slithers up to the trunk of the tree. The snake climbs up and grabs the bird. "Braaaaak!" Goes the bird. The next meal is mammals. Most of



Can you see the snake while he eats?

the mammals they eat are small like a little deer. The snake blends in with it's environment, then quietly it slithers nearer and near. Without the deer noticing, the snake opens it's mouth

bigger than it head, then suddenly, **BITE!** The venom is released. The deer is sadly dead. Snakes

also eat dead mice. They kill the mice before they eat them. The snake hides,



A rattle snake is about to eat a deer. Can you see that?

it waves it's tail up in

the air, the mouse thinks the snake's tail is food so it goes

Closer. Then the snake kills the mouse by squeezing or spitting venom into the eyes of the mouse then attacking. The snake eats.

Is this getting boring? Go to the next section to giggle!

Have you wondered if snakes bite their tongue? I bet they do. Have you wondered if snakes choke on their food? They might.





A cobra spreads
it's head to box
and scare away an
enemy.

Enemies

Snakes are known for being a predator but they aren't the only ones. Like all animals, snakes have enemies too. One of the biggest enemies is people. People are killing snakes to sell their skin. Many people like snake skin purses. Not me. Another enemy is the mongoose. The mongoose is quick and can strike before a snake is ready to try and get away. A small enemy is the raccoon. Don't you think a snake wouldn't get beat by a raccoon? The raccoon hide in trash cans and jumps out to attack the snakes.

The next enemy is the hawk. The hawk is a big bird. It can fly above and swoop down to

grab the snake. Ww-w-sh! Another one of the worst enemies is a fox. Foxes sink their teeth into the snake's skin. Chomp! Many of the snake's predators are very fast like the road-runner.

One of a snake's greatest enemies of a snake are eagles. Eagles can do the same thing hawks can do. You know, fly above and swoop down to grab the snake! Let's learn about the life-cycle now!!!



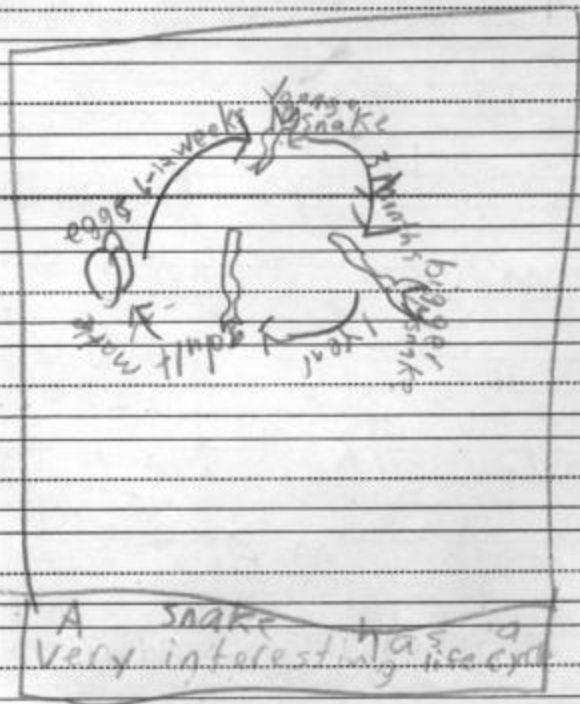
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The snake is scared by the hawk

Life Cycle

Do you know all the stages of a snake's life cycle? Do you think snakes go through metamorphosis? Do you think a snake's life cycle is related to the human life cycle? Well, you're about to find out.

Snakes do not go through metamorphosis meaning they don't really transform into a different shape or creature. The first stage is when the female meets the male. They mate. Once they mate, (marry) they lay about 20-30 eggs. The eggs will hatch in about 6-12 weeks. Then suddenly, a young snake will pop out. Do you think they have a passafire? It will take about 7 months for a snake to become an adult. Once the snake is an

adult it will mate and then the whole life cycle will start over again,



Conclusion

Now you know a lot about Snakes. You know a Snakes' habitat, life cycle and more! You also know a snake's prey and predators. I want you to respect snakes and not kill them. Don't make snakes into an endangered species. We don't want to make them extinct. Do we? NO! If snakes were dead there will be more rodent that destroy your crops. If you're reading this, please Respect Snakes!!!



Look closely at a snake, you may find something no one else knows!



Snakes are good
animals

? ? QUIZ ? ?
?

1. Do snakes shed skin?

- (A) Yes (B) No

2. How long does it take for an egg to hatch?

- (A) 6 months (B) 6-12 weeks (C) 2 years

3. What animal does the text **NOT** mention for being a snake's prey?

- (A) lizards (B) birds (C) sharks

4. Why do people kill snakes

- (A) Because they want to (B) To sell their skin. (C) It's good for them

Answer

Sheet

1 a: yes

2. (B) 6-12 weeks

3. (C) sharks

4. (B) to sell their skin.

Grades

1. Correct = BB (Below Basic) 25% $\frac{1}{4}$

2. Correct = B (Basic) 50% $\frac{1}{2}$

3. Correct = P (Proficient) 75% $\frac{3}{4}$

4. Correct = A (Advanced) 100% 1

Glossary

1. Antidote. - healing potion for people
When they get bit by a snake. Page
2. Attack. - to strike or to kill something
or some one. page
3. Camouflaged. - means blend in with
it's environment. page
4. Cold Blooded. - temperature of a
snake's blood is controlled by the
temperature of the weather. page
5. Metamorphosis. - transform into a
different shape or creature. page
6. Scales. - a layer of skin. page
7. Scrublands. - land with a lot of
natural vegetation (plants) page
8. Stages. - a single step in a
lifecycle. page

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