Science Fables

The Scaly Trail

Story Quiz

This quiz follows Nia and Ben as they learn what makes reptiles different from other animals.

1. What type of skin do reptiles have?

A. Soft, wet skin
B. Dry skin covered with scales
C. Skin covered with feathers
D. Thick fur

2. Why did the turtle stretch toward the Sun?

A. To warm its body
B. To catch insects
C. To dry its shell after swimming
D. To look for food in the sky

3. What does it mean that reptiles are ectothermic?

A. They make all their own body heat
B. They depend on their surroundings to help control body temperature
C. They can live only in cold water
D. Their body temperature never changes

4. Which group contains only reptiles?

A. Turtle, snake, lizard, and crocodile
B. Frog, fish, bird, and turtle
C. Snake, spider, crab, and lizard
D. Crocodile, salamander, owl, and turtle

5. Which statement about reptile eggs is usually true?

A. They are usually laid in water with no covering
B. They usually have a protective shell and are laid on land
C. They are carried inside a pouch
D. They hatch only during winter

Answer Key

1. B — Dry skin covered with scales

Reptiles have dry skin covered with scales.

2. A — To warm its body

The turtle stretched toward the Sun to warm its body.

3. B — They depend on their surroundings to help control body temperature

Ectothermic reptiles depend on their surroundings to help control body temperature.

4. A — Turtle, snake, lizard, and crocodile

Turtle, snake, lizard, and crocodile are all reptiles.

5. B — They usually have a protective shell and are laid on land

Reptile eggs usually have a protective shell and are laid on land.