

Title: Snakes!

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

rattle	protect	smooth	poison	bright
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1. That light is so bright you can see it from five miles away.
2. He did not drink the coffee because he knew there was poison in it.
3. Having a dog is a good way to protect your house from robbers.
4. The baby liked the noise her toy rattle made.
5. Glass is usually very smooth, unless it's broken.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. All snakes are born from eggs. T / F
2. Snake skin feels smooth from head to tail. T / F
3. Snakes with bright colors usually don't have poison. T / F
4. Snakes cannot use their teeth to take small bites of food. T / F
5. Snakes do not need to eat to keep warm. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Snakes born in eggs have a special egg (tooth / tail) to break the egg.
2. Snakes are covered in (scales / colors).
3. Snakes have really (strong / quick) stomach muscles.
4. Some snakes use their (fangs / mouths) to kill other animals with poison.
5. One type of snake (rattles / shakes) its tail when there is danger.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. What doesn't grow as a snake's body grows?

- a. Its eyes
- b. Its bones
- c. Its teeth
- d. Its skin

2. What is one way snakes move?

- a. By using their feet
- b. By going side to side
- c. By rolling themselves
- d. By pushing with their tails

3. What can colors on a snake help it to do?

- a. To hide
- b. To look pretty
- c. To mate
- d. To protect itself

4. Which is NOT mentioned as something snakes eat?

- a. Rats
- b. Insects
- c. Frogs
- d. Birds

5. What do snakes use the sun for?

- a. To get warm
- b. To see their food
- c. To know when to sleep
- d. To create energy

Summary

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gulp	slide	stomachs	scales	fangs
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There are many different kinds of snakes in the world. Some are born alive and others in eggs. All snakes, however, have to get new skin as they grow bigger. When this happens, they just slide out of their old skin. A snake's skin feels smooth in one direction but not the other. That is because it is covered in scales. Snakes move on their stomachs. They use the muscles there to push themselves along. Snakes can be as small as a worm or as long as a bus. They come in many different colors and patterns. This sometimes helps them hide. Other snakes don't hide. They have rattles and make noise when there is danger. Some snakes use poison to kill animals to eat. They bite animals with their fangs. Then they eat the animals in one gulp. Snakes are very interesting animals.