

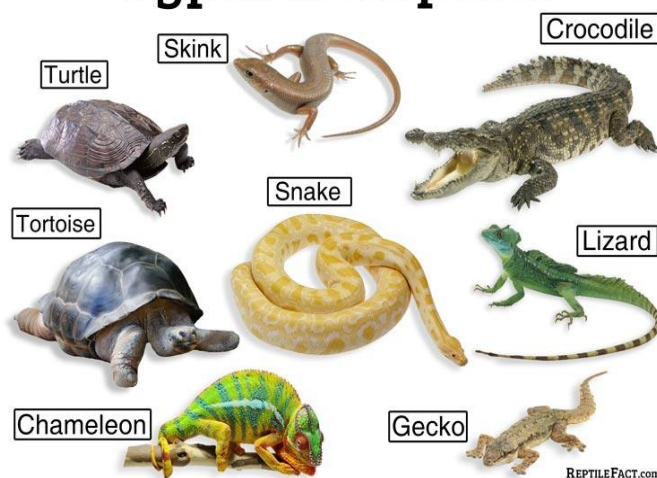
Kid Stuff

Nurturing Nature



Kid Stuff looks at reptiles!

## Types of Reptiles



**What makes an animal a reptile?** Check out this video: <https://tinyurl.com/nhh9s8y5>

Meet Jack, a wildlife professional. He's traveled to Arizona three times trying to spot a Gila Monster which is not easy to do! See what happens here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtZkNmWlpdE>

These two links talk about the Gila monster, rattlesnake and desert tortoise in the wild.

**Be sure to scroll down to the videos.**

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/facts/rattlesnake>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/facts/gila-monster>

Ever wonder how those Geckos manage to stick to everything, even upside down? (I have!)

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/facts/gecko> You'll find great gecko facts and an answer to the question in the video at the end.

## Fun reptile activities

Design Your Own Reptile: Imagine you discovered a brand-new reptile!

Draw it and decide:

- Where does it live?
- What does it eat?
- How does it stay cool?
- How does it protect itself?
- What special adaptation does it have?

Give your reptile a funny name. (Check out the names we've given Liberty Wildlife reptiles below.)

Camouflage Champion:

Have an adult hide **five paper "lizards"** around one room. They should be the color of where they're hiding.

Can you find them all in under five minutes?

Talk about why camouflage helps reptiles survive.

The Heat Test:

Reptiles are cold-blooded.

Place these objects in the shade:

- Rock
- Wood block
- Metal spoon
- Plastic toy

After 20 minutes, carefully touch each. Which stays coolest?

Why might reptiles choose certain places to rest?

## Build a Better Lizard

Using only:

- Paper
- Tape
- Straws
- Index cards
- String

Design a lizard that can:

- Stand up
- Climb a pillow
- Hide behind a book
- Catch a paper "bug"

Test your design!

If you'd like to see some reptiles up close, come to Liberty Wildlife. These guys would love to say hello to you!



Zamira

Leopard Gecko



Rosy

Gila Monster



Jose

Common Chuckwalla



Rosita

Rosy Boa

## Puzzles!

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