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Reptiles

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Reptiles are a kind of animal. Reptiles usually live in warm places, but some live in the water. Snakes, turtles, lizards, iguanas, and alligators are some common reptiles.



Reptiles are vertebrates, so they have backbones. Reptiles have scales. Some also have shells. Most reptiles lay eggs. A few kinds of snakes and lizards have live young that don't come from eggs. Most reptiles are meat-eaters. A few kinds of lizards and tortoises are plant-eaters.



Reptiles are cold-blooded. They like the sun, because it keeps them warm. If they get too cold, they could die. Some reptiles just hibernate and go to sleep when it is cold. They wake up when it gets warm again!

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