

SNAKE

How To Use This Book

Read the captions in the eight-page booklet and, using the labels beside each sticker, choose the image that best fits in the space available.



Don't forget that your stickers can be stuck down and peeled off again. If you are careful, you can use your snake stickers more than once.



You can also use the snake stickers to decorate your own books, or for project work at school.

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It's a snake's life



Snakes are long, scaly, legless reptiles.

They have very flexible backbones and powerful muscles, which allow

them to twist and turn easily. Snakes are

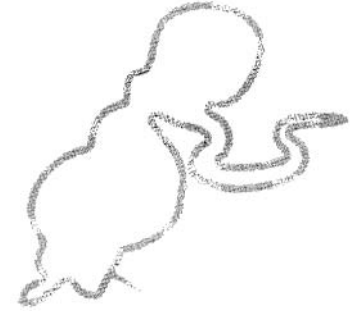
covered by an outer skin that they shed from

time to time, often in one piece, allowing them to

continue growing throughout their lives. Most snakes

lay eggs, though certain snakes, such as boas and

rattlesnakes, give birth to live young.



Wrap around

During the mating season, the male Sinaloan milk snake will approach a female snake and rub his chin along her back. The two snakes then wrap themselves around each other.

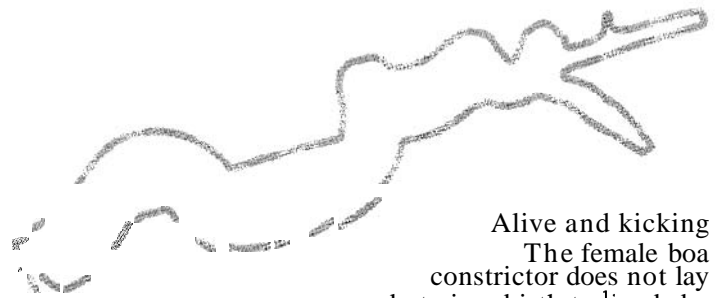
1. Egg cozy

Most snakes bury their newly laid eggs in warm damp places, such as rotting vegetation and soil. The warmer it is, the faster the eggs will develop.



2. Long in the tooth

The young snake takes its first view of the world when it pierces the shell using a sharp egg tooth. The tooth has been specifically developed for this purpose.



Alive and kicking

The female boa constrictor does not lay eggs but gives birth to live baby boas, which are able to feed and look after themselves immediately.

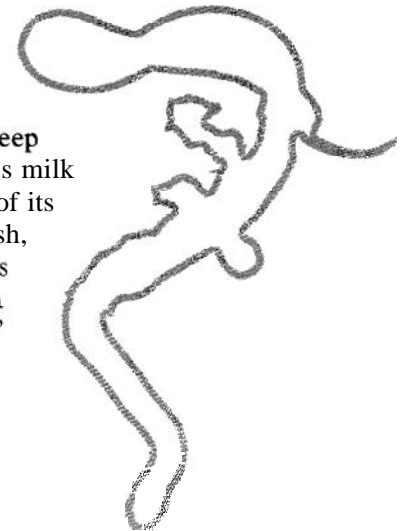
3. A taste of freedom

With only its head poking out of the shell, the snake "tastes" the air with its forked tongue. This allows the snake to smell and taste at the same time.



Skin deep

Several times a year this milk snake will crawl out of its old skin to reveal a fresh, new, shiny layer. This process is known as "sloughing."



4. It's a miracle!

The snake is in no hurry to leave the safety of its shell, but it will finally slither out after a day or two. It seems amazing that such a long snake could have fitted into such a small shell!



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Grass snake playing dead



California mountain kingsnake



Hognose snake



Red-sided garter



Corn snake



European grass snake



Sand viper



Milk snake



Grey-handed kingsnake



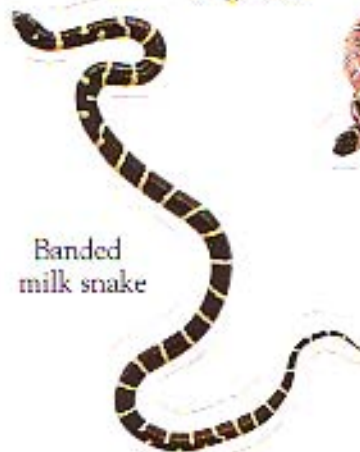
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Red-tailed racer



Mexican mountain kingsnake



Banded milk snake



Camouflaged grass snake



Viperine water snake



Diadem snake



Gaboon viper



California kingsnake