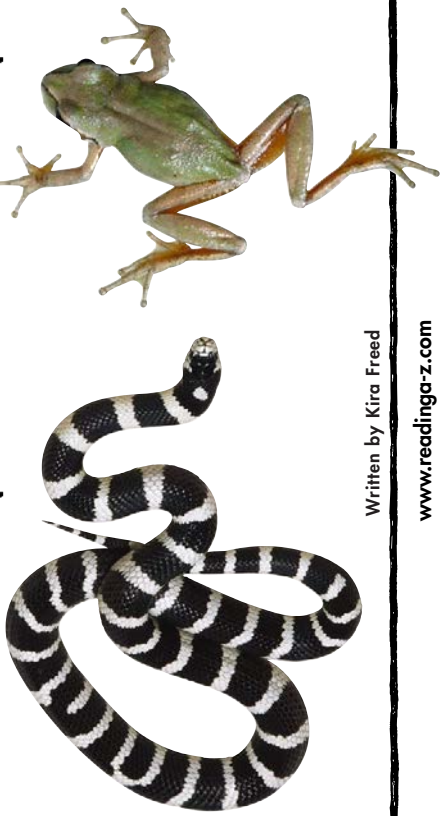


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This is a book about reptiles and amphibians. Some are slithery. And some are slimy.

Python



Red-eyed tree frog

By the end of this book, you will know the difference between reptiles and amphibians. You will also learn fun facts about these amazing animals.

How They Are the Same

- Reptiles and amphibians have backbones.
- They breathe air.



Leopard frog

- Their body temperature changes. It changes with the temperature of the air and water around them. They get warmth from the heat of the sun.



Box turtle

How They Are Different

- Reptiles have dry, scaly skin.
- Most reptiles hatch from eggs with leathery shells that are laid on land.
- At birth, most reptiles look like their parents.
- Amphibians have moist skin with no scales.
- Amphibians come from eggs that have no shells. The eggs are laid in moist places.
- At birth, most amphibians do not look like their parents.



Eastern spotted newt



Water dragon

REPTILES

Dinosaurs were reptiles.

Many reptiles living today are related to dinosaurs.

On the next pages we will learn about these reptile relatives.



Lizards

All lizards are covered with scales. Lizards come in many sizes, shapes, and colors.



Chameleon



Sagebrush lizard

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Turtles

Different turtles live in different places. Tortoises live on land. True turtles spend most of their lives in the water. Sea turtles live only in the salty water of the world's oceans.



Box turtle



Desert tortoise



Hawksbill sea turtle

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Snakes

Some snakes are venomous (poisonous), but most are not. Snakes shed their skin when it becomes too tight.



Rattlesnake (venomous)



Red tail boa (nonvenomous)

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Crocodiles and Alligators

These reptiles have many sharp teeth. Some crocodiles and alligators were around when dinosaurs walked the earth.



Alligators have powerful jaws.



An alligator hides most of its body in the water.

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AMPHIBIANS

Many amphibians spend time both on land and in water.

There are three different groups of amphibians. Turn the page to learn about them.



Many toads and frogs have expandable throat sacs.

Frogs and Toads

Frogs are some of the best leapers on Earth.

Toads have shorter hind legs and fatter bodies than frogs. They hop or crawl instead of leaping.



American toad



Pacific tree frog



Marbled salamander

Salamanders and Newts

Many salamanders and newts have bodies shaped like lizards. But their slimy skin tells us that they are amphibians.



Red newt



Rubber eel



South American caecilian

Special Amphibians

Some amphibians do not have legs.

Most of them live on land.

A few live in water.

They look like earthworms, but they have very sharp teeth.



The Texas blind salamander is endangered because it is losing its water habitat.

Many reptiles and amphibians are endangered. Some have already become extinct (wiped out completely). Many of their homes have been polluted and destroyed.

Notes

Reptiles and amphibians are important members of the web of life. Like all other animals, they have a place in our world. We need to protect their homes and help them to stay alive.



Hawksbill sea turtles are endangered.

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