

Question Sheet

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“Leaping Lizards” Questions

- _____ 1. The main idea of the article is:
- a. Darrel Frost is a herpetologist whose job it is to study reptiles.
 - b. Lizards, snakes, chameleons, geckos, and Gila monsters are all squamates.
 - c. The AMNH’s exhibition of snakes and lizards is interesting and popular.
 - d. John Conrad is a paleontologist who studies plants and animals that lived long ago.
- _____ 2. The main idea in question #1 is supported by which detail:
- a. Startled onlookers watched a veiled chameleon climb a tree branch and change color.
 - b. The public is really interested in scaly, slimy things.
 - c. Studying present-day squamates gives a glimpse into the biology of ancient animals.
 - d. All of the above.
- _____ 4. Turtles and alligators
- a. have larger scales than squamates.
 - b. are like squamates in only some ways.
 - c. cannot regulate their own body temperatures.
 - d. can change color to camouflage themselves.
- _____ 3. The main idea of the section called “New Discoveries” is that
- a. scientists study both present-day squamates and ancient fossils.
 - b. the Gila monster is a squamate that has not changed over a long period of time.
 - c. paleontologists are scientists who study fossils.
 - d. museum workers try to appeal to the public’s tastes when they plan their exhibitions.
- _____ 5. Which animal from the article do you think is the most interesting? Why?
