

## All About Snakes

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Snakes are reptiles.

Some are small and some are big.

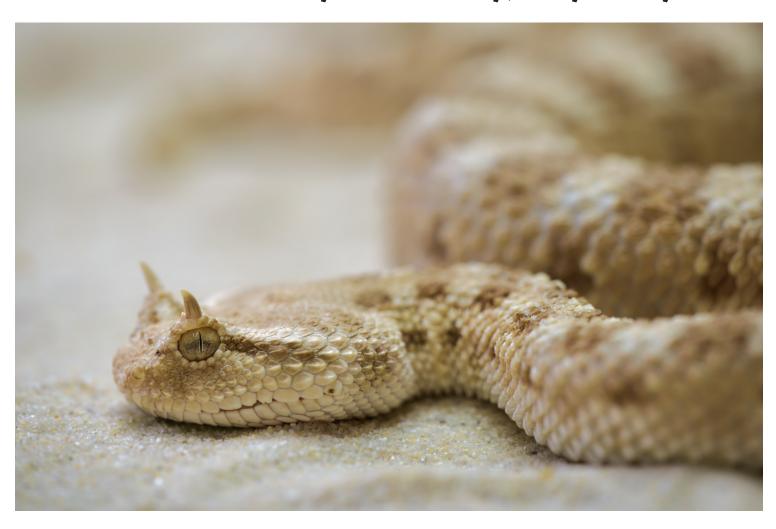
Snakes come in different colors.



There are many different kinds of snakes. The one above has a rattle to make noise when he's scared or in danger.



Instead of smooth skin and hair like us, snakes have scales. They aren't slimy, they're dry.





Snakes use their tongues to smell. That's why you can often see a snake sticking their tongue out. They touch it to a special organ on the roof of their mouth called the Jacobson's organ. Through smelling, they can tell what other animals are around them.





Snakes are carnivores. That means they eat other animals. Some eat insects, small eggs, lizards, birds, rodents and even larger animals such as deer. They swallow their food whole. Some snakes squeeze their prey before eating it. Others use poison they have in their fangs to kill the animals. Snakes can open their mouths very wide.





Most snakes are born from eggs. The mother snake lays eggs and when the babies are ready, they hatch. The eggs don't feel like chicken eggs, but are leathery and soft instead.

Other snakes are born live from their mothers.

What do you want to know about snakes?	
Draw your own snake:	