

## REPTILES OVER THE YEARS

**Complete the paragraph with *for* or *since*. When necessary, conjugate the verbs in parenthesis using PRESENT PERFECT.**

Reptiles have existed \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> the Paleozoic Era (340 million years ago). Achieving their greatest diversity in the distant past, turtles and crocodilians \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> (not change) much \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> 100 million years. In contrast, lizards and snakes, as we know them today, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> (have) some changes \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> thousands of years and are now more prolific than ever. Another type of reptile are crocodiles and they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> (live) on earth \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> 230 million years. On the other hand, snakes \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> (be) on the earth \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> the Mesozoic Era (about 135 to 180 million years ago), at the same time as mammals. Although they look very different, it is generally believed that the snake evolved from a burrowing form of lizard. For this reason lizards and snakes are members of the same order: Squamata.