

Pay attention to punctuation marks such as a comma (,) or a dash (—). Clues to the meaning of an unknown word may come right after them.

Directions: *Read about geckos. Then write the correct meaning of the words.*

A gecko is a small, harmless lizard found mainly in the tropics—hot and humid regions. This delightful creature has several special attributes, or features, that make it interesting to study. There are 800 species, or kinds, of geckos. Many species are vividly, that is, brightly colored, and some can even change color. The gecko is the only lizard that makes a call—noise like hissing, clicking or barking. Most geckos have no eyelids. Because of that, they must lick their big eyes to keep them clean and moist. If you pick up a gecko by its tail, the tail may break off so it can easily escape. Later its tail will regenerate—a new one will regrow in its place. Check out their feet. The bottoms of their broad toes are covered with flaps of skin that contain thousands of little bristles, or short, stiff hairs. These bristles enable, or make it possible, for the gecko to cling to almost any kind of surface, even windowpanes. A gecko likes to live anywhere it can find insects. People who live in places like Hawaii are used to the gecko making itself a guest inside their homes.



1. Vividly means the same as _____.
2. Species means _____.
3. An attribute is a _____.
4. Bristles are _____.
5. A call is a _____.
6. To regenerate means to _____.
7. Tropics are _____.
8. Enable means to _____.

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