

# A Lizard with a Blue Tongue

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1. According to the article, what is a disadvantage of a blue tongued skink's body being close to the ground?
  - a. It's body absorbs too much heat from the ground.
  - b. It cannot quickly run away from predators.
  - c. It cannot fit into spaces like logs, under leaf litter, or in burrows.
2. Compared with other reptiles, the blue-tongued skink is generally more...
  - a. gentle
  - b. poisonous
  - c. fearful
3. In the sentence below what word means the same as the underlined word?  
Within a few days, they're off to fend for themselves.
  - a. neglect
  - b. protect
  - c. harm
4. In the sentence below what is the meaning of the underlined word  
When it loses it's a tail later, tail will regenerate.
  - a. find a new generation
  - b. vanish into thin air
  - c. grow back
5. In the article "A Lizard with a Blue Tongue" What is the author's view point of this reptile?
  - a. This reptile is very frightening with strange characteristics
  - b. This reptile makes a great pet
  - c. This reptile is unique with peculiar characteristics.
6. From the article what evidence supports the author's view point?  
The author mentions in the article...
  - a. frightening experiences the lizard encountered.

- b. a vivid description of the animal along with its characteristics
- c. a list of reasons why the animal would make a great pet

7. According to the information in the article, how are blue-tongued skinks similar to mammals?
- a. They are warm-blooded
  - b. They have hairs on their body
  - c. The females give birth to live young

8. Describe two ways the blue-tongued skink can defend itself from predators.

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9. Match each vocabulary word from the reading passage with the correct definition.  
(drag and drop)

a. tunnels or holes dug by small animals \_\_\_\_\_

startling

b. an animal that hunts and eats other animals \_\_\_\_\_

burrows

c. frightening; catching off guard \_\_\_\_\_

predator