

Reading 2

Poisonous snakes

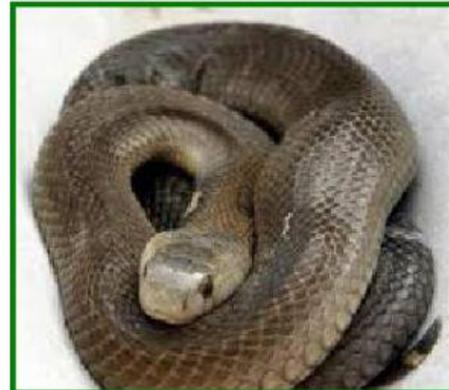
Snakes kill in different ways. Some are poisonous and others squeeze an animal so that it cannot breathe. They do not kill for fun, though – they kill what they want to eat or something that they think will be dangerous for them.

Some poisonous snakes are more dangerous than others. The most poisonous snake in the world is the black-headed sea snake.

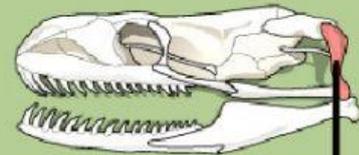
Other very poisonous ones are the krait, the coral snake and the saw scaled viper. An adder is not very poisonous to a human but you would need to go to hospital if one bit you.

Snakes that kill by squeezing are called constrictors. One, a boa constrictor, could kill a pig. Another well-known constrictor is the python, which can grow up to 2 metres long. Some people keep pythons as pets.

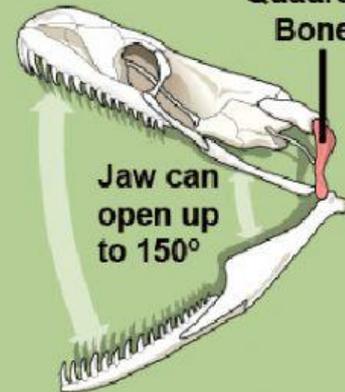
Snakes do not chew their food. When they have killed an animal, they open their jaws very wide and swallow the animal whole. In fact, they can open their jaws wider than any other animal.



SNAKE JAW STRUCTURE



Quadrate Bone



Jaw can open up to 150°

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13. How exactly do snakes kill other animals?

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14. Give two reasons why snakes can kill

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15. Write down the names of 5 poisonous snakes.

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16. How does a constrictor kill?

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17. What kind of snake is a python?

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18. You can find information about how snakes eat in paragraph number

19. What do snakes do after killing an animal?

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