



Extra Training

Use of English Task 744

Read the text, then choose the suitable word for each blank and drag it into the correct sentence.

Mind there are more words given than you need!!!

SNAKES

There are short snakes and long _____ (1). There are thin snakes and fat snakes. There are snakes that live underground. There are snakes that can swim a thousand miles out to sea. Some snakes coil themselves into a ball. Others _____ (2) from tree to tree. Still others can dance to a flute. One kind of snake can spit _____ (3) right in people's eyes. Another kind can catch a bat flying _____ (4) the air.

Snakes are different in many ways. Scientists believe that there are about 2,700 kinds of these legless reptiles. The greatest variety dwell in the tropics. No snakes live in the polar regions or _____ (5) in the mountains.

The eyes of a snake are always _____ (6). This is because it has no eyelids. Instead, its eyes are covered by transparent scales, or "spectacles", which protect them from grass, rocks and sand. The "spectacles" are renewed about four times a _____ (7) when the snake sheds its skin. Before shedding, the eyes become cloudy and the snake is partially blind for a few days.

Snakes do not eat _____ (8). They eat only animal food. Their teeth are not made for chewing, so they swallow their food whole. After a snake has swallowed an animal, it _____ (9) away and digests its meal. This may take a few days or a week. Snakes do not have to eat as often as warm-blooded animals.

In zoos, they sometimes do not eat for six months and even more.

The forked tongues of snakes are not poisonous, as it is _____ (10) believed. They are harmless and are used to "taste" the air. A snake also hears with its tongue, which feels vibrations from the smallest sound.

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open
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through
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often
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poison
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narrow
snakes
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