

REPTILES OVER THE YEARS

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

Reptiles have existed _____¹ the Paleozoic Era (340 million years ago). Achieving their greatest diversity in the distant past, turtles and crocodilians _____² (not change) much _____³ 100 million years. In contrast, lizards and snakes, as we know them today, _____⁴ (have) some changes _____⁵ thousands of years and are now more prolific than ever. Another type of reptile are crocodiles and they _____⁶ (live) on earth _____⁷ 230 million years. On the other hand, snakes _____⁸ (be) on the earth _____⁹ 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.