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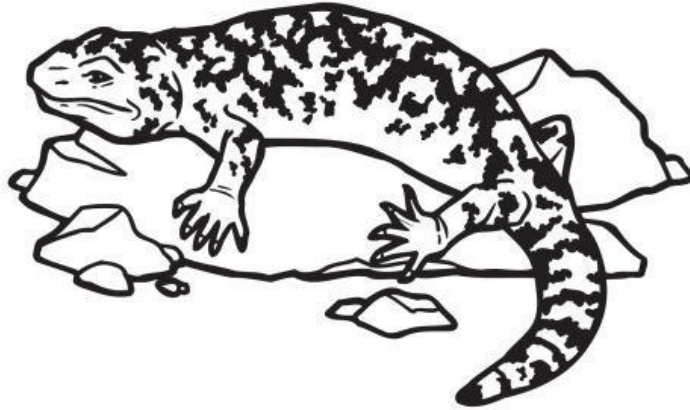
GILA MONSTER

The Gila monster is a large lizard. You can say its name like this—"Heela." It is pretty. But it is also scary.

The Gila monster lives in the desert. Its skin is black, pink, orange, and yellow.

The Gila monster is two feet long. It walks slowly. It eats rodents, small birds, and eggs.

This lizard has poison in its teeth. It won't kill you. Still, the Gila monster bites people. It can hold on tight to a leg or arm with its teeth. Be careful!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. How do you pronounce *Gila*?
 - a. Gee-la
 - b. Heela
 - c. Guy-la
 - d. Hilla
2. Why is the Gila monster scary?
 - a. because it lives in the desert
 - b. because it eats eggs
 - c. because it walks slowly
 - d. because it has a poisonous bite
3. The Gila monster holds poison in its . . .
 - a. teeth.
 - b. tail.
 - c. eyes.
 - d. claws.
4. Why should you be careful around Gila monsters?
 - a. because they move quickly
 - b. because they eat rodents
 - c. because they bite and hold on tight to people
 - d. because they are black, pink, orange, and yellow