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Slither on a Snake Cyberhunt

Did you ever look at a snake and wonder how they glide into and out of places so gracefully? Hsssssss...Let's crawl together through cyberspace and find out about the incredible snake. If you see an asterisk (*) before the web address, type in the keyword: snake.

1. What is herpetology?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herpetology>

2. How many types of snakes are there? Are all of them poisonous?

*<http://www.factmonster.com>

3. Do snakes have bones?

<http://www.anapsid.org/myths.html>

4. Do snakes feel slimy?

*<http://www.factmonster.com>

5. What types of food do snakes eat?

*<http://www.factmonster.com>

6. Why do snakes flick their tongues?

<http://www.anapsid.org/myths.html>

7. When do snakes shed?

<http://www.conservation.state.mo.us/nathis/herpetol/snake>

8. Snakes are ectothermic. What does it mean?

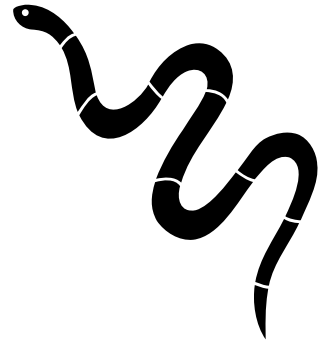
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/critter/reptile/snakes.htm>

9. What does the modern day symbol for medicine (two snakes wrapped around a staff) represent?

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/138/8/673>

10. Can snakes blink?

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/critter/reptile/snakes.htm>



Answers to Slither on a Snake Cyberhunt

1. The study of amphibians and reptiles.
2. Approximately 2,700 species and about 4/5 are non-venomous.
3. Yes. Skull, jawbones and ribs.
4. No. The skin, which is covered with horny scales, is shed, usually several times a year.
5. Small snakes feed on insects and larger snakes feed on larger animals.
6. To smell the air around them.
7. Young ones usually shed once every four or five weeks during warm months, whereas adults may shed once every six or eight weeks during their active season.
8. They must rely on their surroundings to control their body temperature.
9. The mythical figure called Aesculapius discovered medicine by watching as one snake used herbs to bring another snake back to life.
10. No. Snakes have no eyelids.

For more information, refer to the “In Defense of.....Snakes” article in the Resource section of this manual.