



Reptiles have scales, breathe air, are cold-blooded, and usually lay eggs on land. Only reptiles have scaly skin and lay hard-shelled eggs on land, which are ways to tell if an animal is a reptile.

Alligators and crocodiles are some of the biggest reptiles, snakes can also grow very big, turtles can be big or small, and snakes can be long or short. Reptiles are all kinds of sizes, colors, and shapes.

Reptiles such as snakes lose their skin. They don't actually lose it but they grow too big for their skin. When they grow out of their skin it dries up and becomes loose, and they rub or crawl it off. Lizards take off their skin also.

Reptiles lay their eggs on land. Mother turtles dig a hole in the sand, they lay their eggs in a hole, and then they cover up the eggs and go. Mother snakes also lay their eggs on land and leave. Some snakes wrap themselves around their eggs until they hatch. Mother alligators make a nest, lay their eggs in the nest, cover up the eggs, stays by the nest for a couple of months, and then she hears her babies and tears open the nest.

Reptiles are cold-blooded animals, this means their body temperature takes on the temperature of its surroundings. If it is cold outside their body temperature is cold, if it is warm outside their body temperature is warm, and if it is hot outside their body temperature becomes hot.

Reptiles are truly incredible animals!

