

All About Pythons

Pythons are snakes. Snakes are reptiles. They have cold blood and scales. Some snakes are as small as a coin while others are as long as a school bus! They are excellent swimmers. They can live to be 40 years old.

Pythons like to live in warm places, such as deserts and rainforests. They hide in trees or under rocks and leaves on the ground. Pythons have patterned skin which helps them blend in with nature.

Pythons eat small animals like rats and lizards. Some pythons are so big they can eat larger animals. Pythons will hide and wait for small animals to pass. They jump out quickly to catch their prey, squeeze the animals, and then swallow them whole.



1. Where are you most likely to find a python?

- ☐ snowy field
- ☐ warm desert
- ☐ on the beach of a lake
- ☐ mountains

2. What makes a snake a reptile?

- ☐ They are excellent swimmers.
- ☐ They hide in trees or under rocks.
- ☐ They have cold blood and scales.
- ☐ They like to eat small animals.

3. Describe how a python catches their prey.

Answers

1. Where are you most likely to find a python?

- ☐ snowy field
- ☒ **warm desert**
- ☐ on the beach of a lake
- ☐ mountains

2. What makes a snake a reptile?

- ☐ They are excellent swimmers.
- ☐ They hide in trees or under rocks.
- ☒ **They have cold blood and scales.**
- ☐ They like to eat small animals.

3. Describe how a python catches their prey.

Pythons will hide under rocks, leaves, or trees and wait for their prey.

When a small animal passes, they will jump out, squeeze the animal, and swallow them whole.