My Snake Fact File

Read the snake fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a snake

Snake facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. reptile ____	A. a cold-blooded animal with scaly skin, such as a snake, lizard, turtle or crocodile
2. venom ____	B. a harmful substance an animal puts into another animal with a bite or sting
3. constrictor ____	C. to lose an old outer layer of skin so a new one can take its place
4. Jacobson's organ ____	D. a snake that wraps around its prey and squeezes
5. shed ____	E. a smelling organ in the roof of the mouth that reads scents picked up by the tongue

The most amazing thing I learned about snakes

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Answer Key

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Snake facts

Scientific name:	Suborder Serpentes (4,000+ species)
Size:	About 4 in to more than 20 ft
Weight:	A few grams to about 500 lb
Lifespan:	Varies; up to about 40 years
Diet:	Meat: rodents, eggs, fish, insects
Habitat:	Forests, deserts, grassland, water
Where:	Every continent except Antarctica
Status:	Varies by species

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–A, 2–B, 3–D, 4–E, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- Snakes smell the air by flicking their forked tongues.
- Snakes have no eyelids, so they sleep with their eyes open.
- Some flying snakes glide between trees by flattening their bodies.