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Geckos are sometimes called lizards, and there are many species of them. This means there are many kinds. They live all over the world and can survive in many climates. They have been found in deserts, mountains, rainforests, and

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have eyelids, most don't. Instead, they keep their eyes clean by licking them with their long tongue.

Geckos are good climbers. Their feet have small, sticky pads that help them grip tree branches or rocks. Some types also have claws, which help them climb.

Most geckos sleep during the day and come out to play at night. Whenever they are awake, they like to eat bugs, insects, or fruit. As they store many nutrients

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in their tail, it's important that it grows back when it's shed.

Geckos can be many different colors, from green to tan to pink. They don't always stay the same color, though! These small lizards can blend in by changing colors as needed.

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- 1) Which fact about geckos is not true?
- a) They can survive in many climates.      b) They are not found in the snow.  
c) They are of different sizes.                d) Most geckos don't have eyelids.
- 2) Sort the words/phrases appropriately.  
deserts, mountains, feet with small sticky pads, bugs, insects, rainforests,  
fruit, a tail that can be shed, snow

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- 4) Which conjunction best completes the sentence?  
Some geckos have eyelids, \_\_\_\_\_ most don't.
- a) and  
b) but  
c) so

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- 5) Which transition word best completes the second sentence?  
Geckos have lots of neat features. \_\_\_\_\_ , they can shed their tail when needed.
- a) For instance
  - b) Additionally
  - c) On the one hand

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