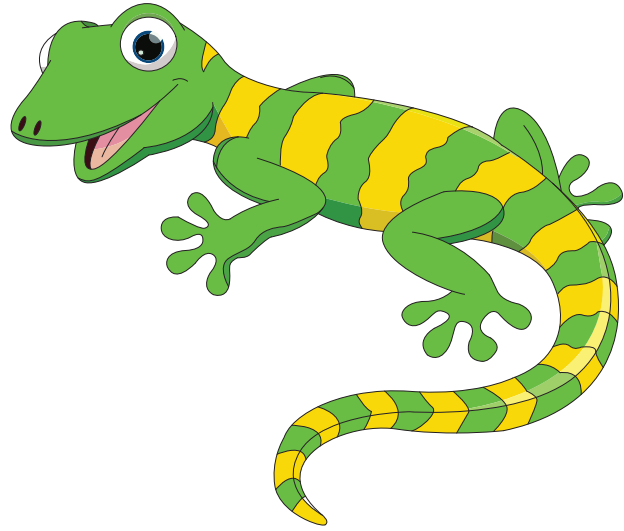


The Gecko



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 even in the snow.

These creatures have lots of neat features. Did you know that they can shed their tail? If the tail is grabbed or hurt, the gecko can shed it and it will grow back later.

The tail makes up about half the length of the whole body. But not all geckos are the same size. Some are as short as an inch. Others are as long as fifteen inches. Most geckos are around six inches long.

Another neat thing about the gecko is its eyes. While some kinds of geckos 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, but not all of them. Whenever they are awake, they like to eat bugs, insects, or fruit. As they

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store many nutrients 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.

The gecko has many abilities that help it survive, and it truly is an amazing creature.

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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

Habitats	Food of the Gecko	Features of the Gecko

- 3) What colors can geckos be? What makes a gecko unique in terms of color?

- 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