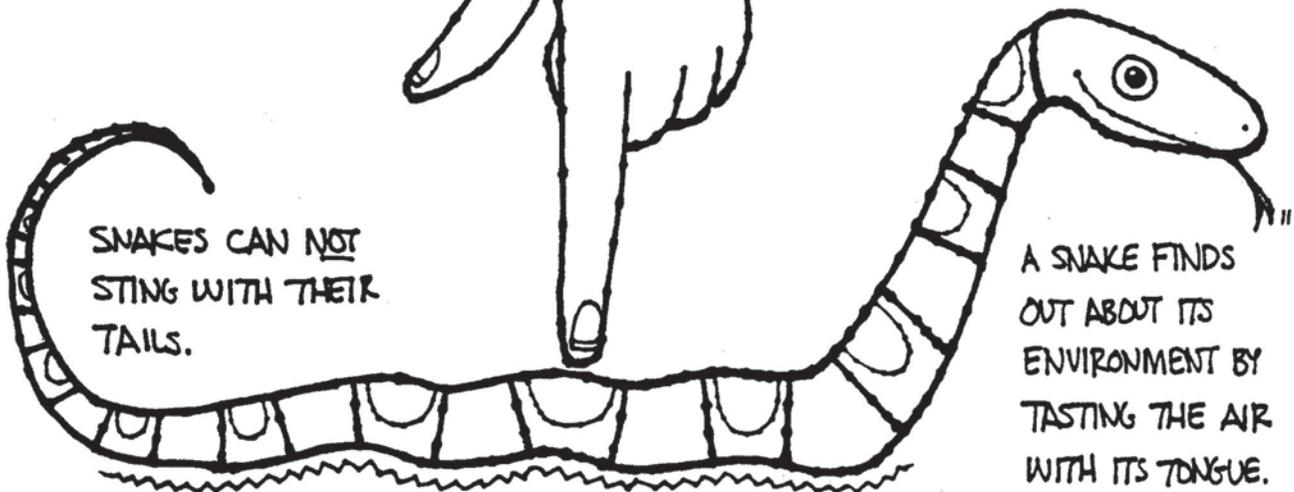


# SNAKE APPRECIATION

SNAKES ARE FASCINATING! HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THEM:

SNAKES AREN'T SLIMY. THEIR SKIN IS DRY AND SMOOTH; IT FEELS LIKE PLASTIC. THE SCALES ARE LIKE TINY FINGERNAILS.

SNAKES HAVE NO EYELIDS, AND CANNOT CLOSE THEIR EYES. EACH EYE IS COVERED BY A TOUGH, TRANSPARENT SCALE.

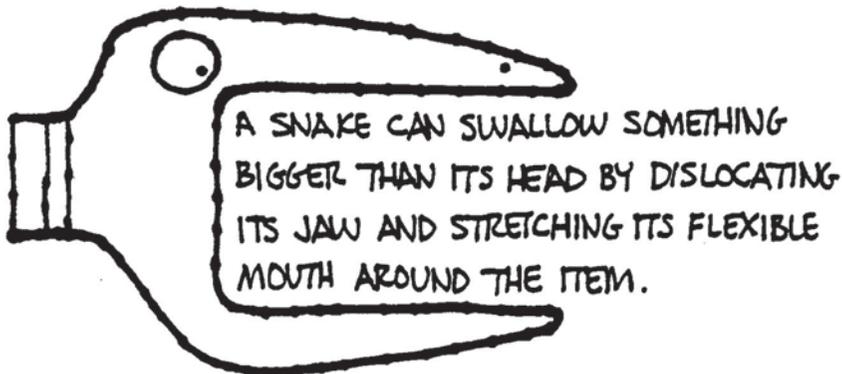


SNAKES CAN NOT STING WITH THEIR TAILS.

A SNAKE FINDS OUT ABOUT ITS ENVIRONMENT BY TASTING THE AIR WITH ITS TONGUE.

SNAKES ARE DEAF. THEY CAN ONLY "HEAR" BY FEELING VIBRATIONS.

THE TONGUE IS SOFT AND HARMLESS; IT IS NOT A WEAPON.



A SNAKE CAN SWALLOW SOMETHING BIGGER THAN ITS HEAD BY DISLOCATING ITS JAW AND STRETCHING ITS FLEXIBLE MOUTH AROUND THE ITEM.

MOST SNAKES WILL ONLY BITE PEOPLE IF INJURED OR THREATENED AND UNABLE TO ESCAPE. SNAKES ARE AFRAID OF PEOPLE AND TRY TO AVOID THEM.

