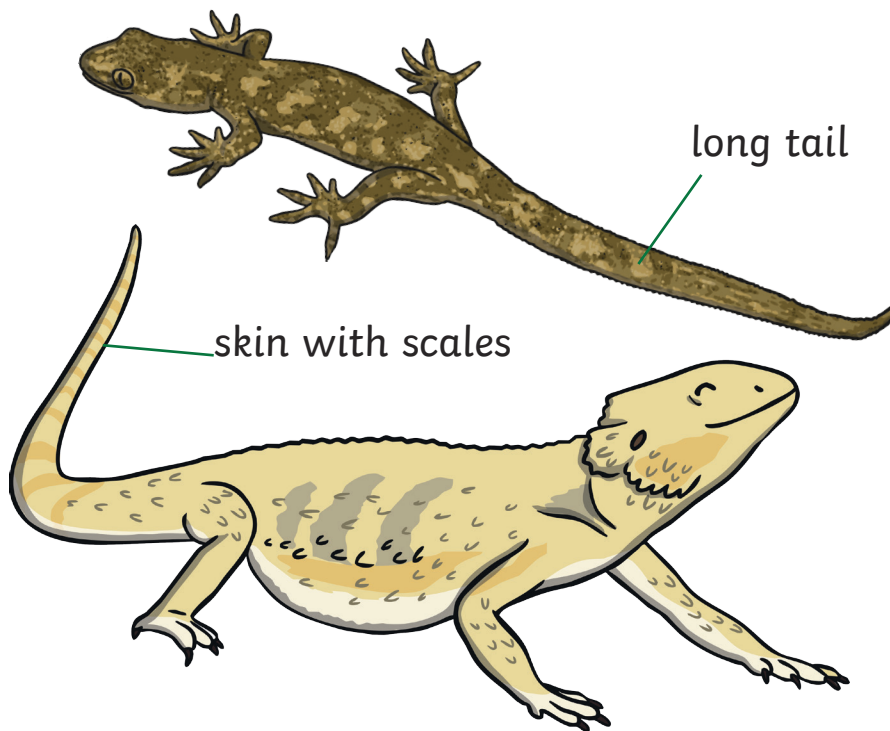
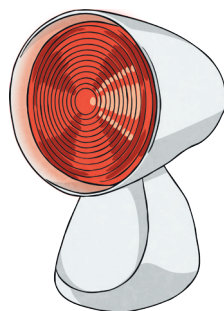


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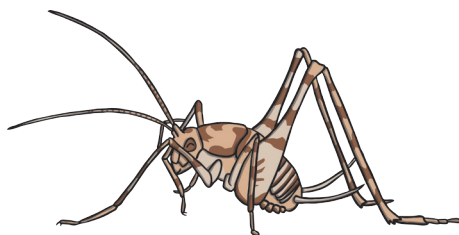
There are lots of different types of lizards that people keep as pets.



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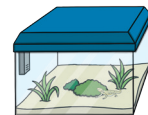


Lizards eat crickets and other bugs.



Things a lizard will need:

tank



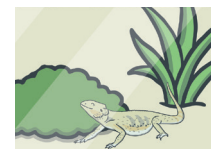
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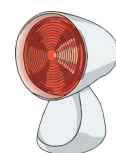
water bowl



a place to hide



heat lamp or mat



Questions

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2. What does a lizard need?

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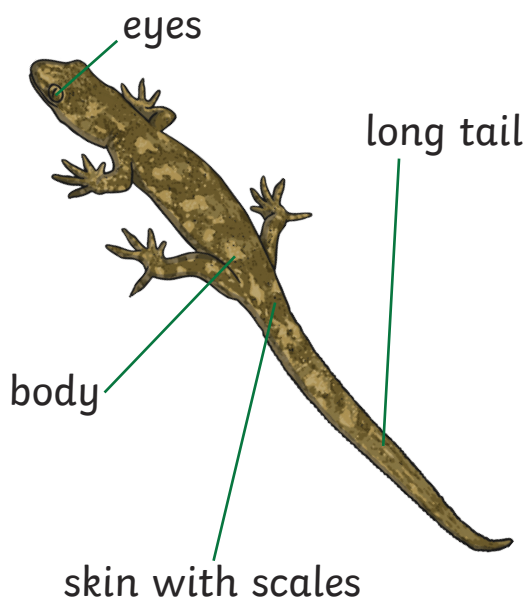
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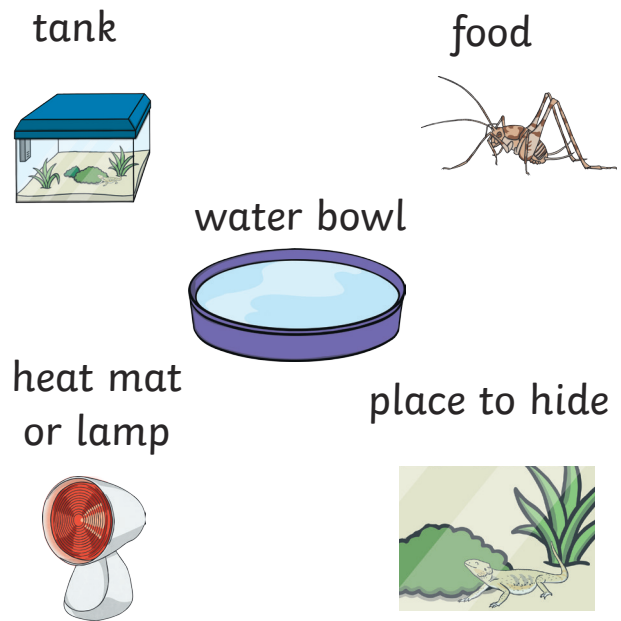


Lizards can be good pets to keep and there are many different types to choose from. They like to be warm and need plenty of light.

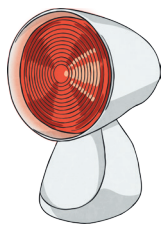
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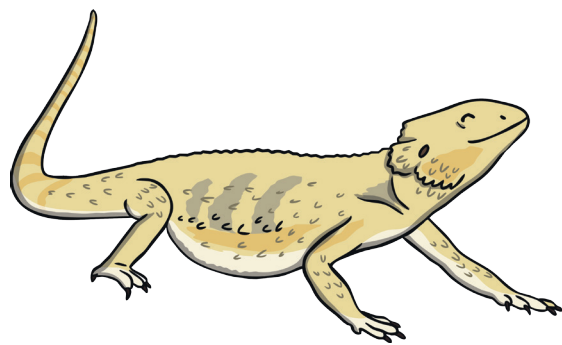


What do I need to remember about having a lizard?



Lizards have cold blood, which means they need help to stay warm. You can do this by giving them a heat lamp or heat mat. They like to lie near these to warm up. The warmth helps them to move around.

How do I keep a lizard healthy?



Lizards need to change their skin, which they do by shedding it. This means it comes off and leaves new skin underneath. To help lizards do this, their tank needs to be kept damp.

Questions

1. Complete this sentence. Lizards have...
warm blood
cold blood
hot blood
 2. What helps to keep a lizard healthy?
stroking it
keeping it warm
taking it for a walk
 3. How can you keep a lizard warm?
by putting a blanket on it
by putting it near a fire
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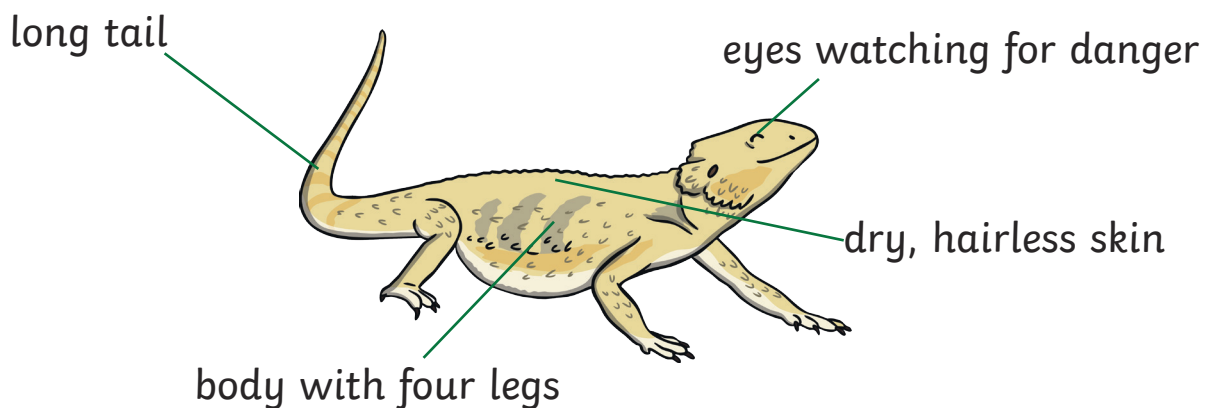
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Lizards are very different pets from dogs, cats or rabbits but they can be great pets to look after. They are reptiles, which means they are cold-blooded and covered in scales.

What Does a Lizard Look Like?

Lizards come in lots of different sizes. Some can fit in your hand; others can be bigger than your arm! A chameleon has the ability to change colour and camouflage itself. A gecko does not have any eyelids. Lizards have dry skin with no fur and cold blood so they feel cold to the touch. They eat live insects like crickets and locusts.



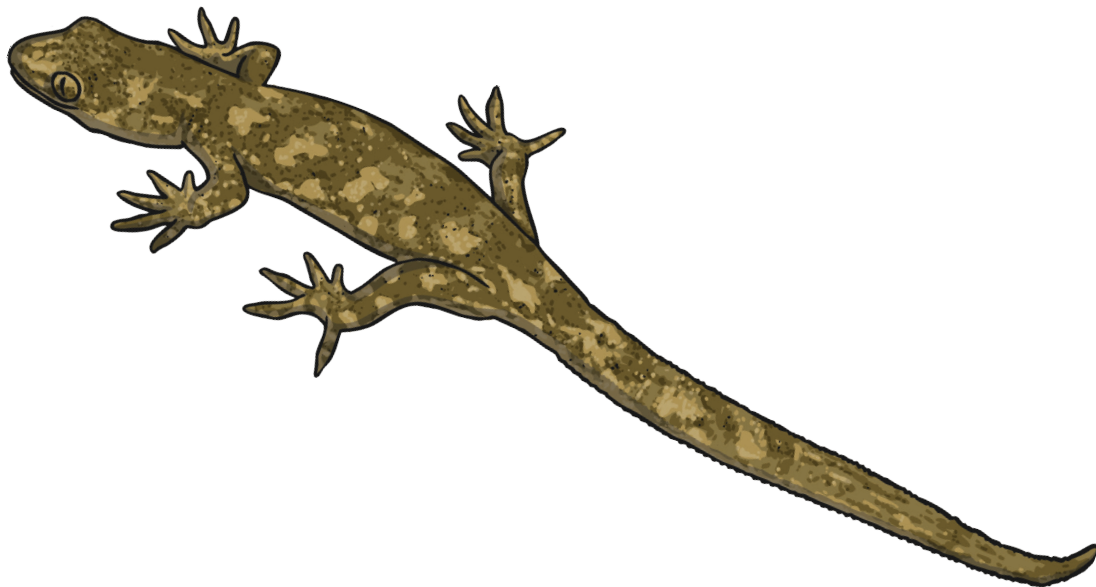
What Does a Lizard Need?

Lizards need a tank, or vivarium, to live in comfortably. The bigger the lizard, the bigger the tank. You can also keep more than one lizard in a tank. Within the tank, they need an area in which they can hide, where it is dark and private. The tank needs to have areas that are warm and also cool so the lizard can pick the area that is most comfortable. They will bask under a heat lamp or on a heat mat if they choose. Keeping warm helps give them energy to move around.



What Else Do I Need to Keep a Lizard Healthy?

Every few weeks, it is important for lizards to shed their skin, replacing it with new, healthy skin that fits them as they grow bigger. The old skin comes off, leaving the new skin underneath. If the air in the tank is moist, their skin comes off much more easily. They continuously do this throughout their life as they grow.



Questions

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2. What does 'camouflage' mean?

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5. Would you choose to own a lizard? Explain your answer.

Answers

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